



BASEMENT BEDROOM EXITING REQUIREMENTS SPS 321.03 (6)

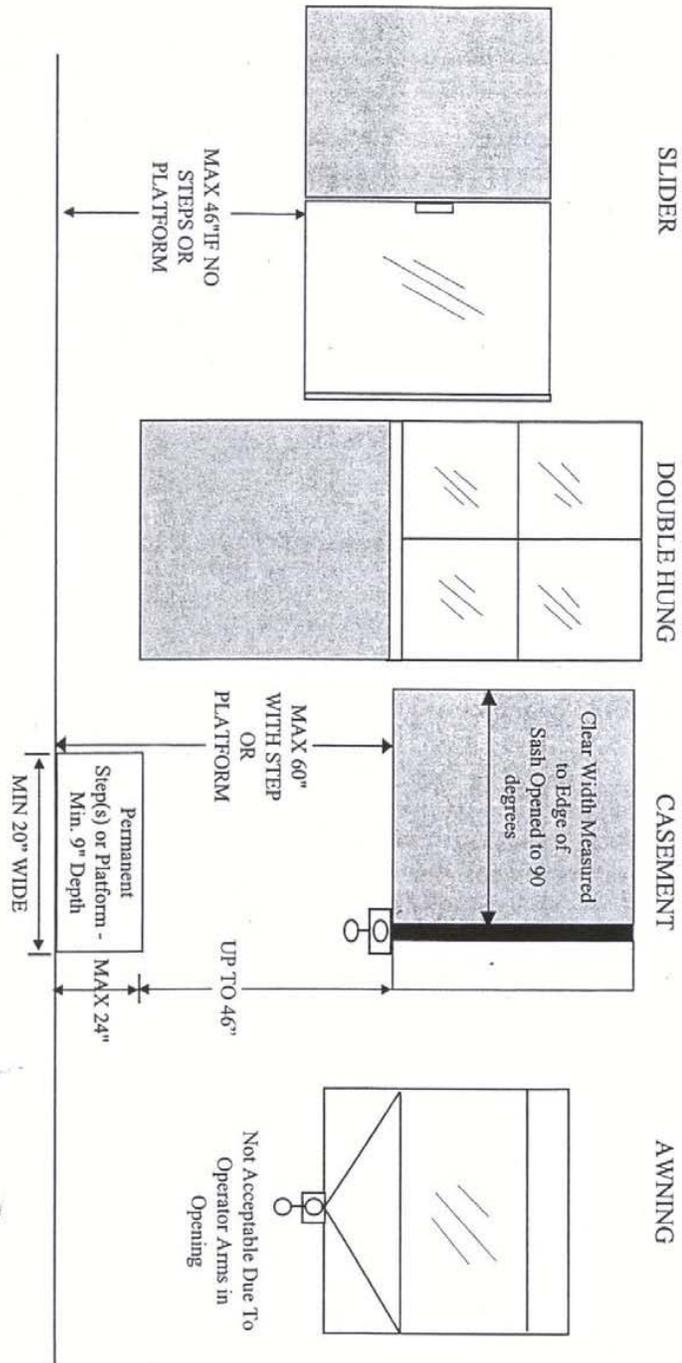
The attached sheet is the actual printing of the State code requirements for exiting from a sleeping area either in a basement or ground floor without an exit door at grade. These rules apply to all new one and two family dwellings, and the standards are adopted by the City to apply to existing dwelling units.

1. The window shall be openable from the inside without the use of tools or the removal of a sash. If equipped with a storm or screen, it shall be openable from the inside.
2. The nominal size of the net clear window opening shall be at least 20 inches by 24 inches irrespective of height or width.
3. No portion of the window, including stops, stools, meeting rails and operator arms, shall infringe on the required opening.
4. For any window used for exiting, the lowest point of clear opening shall be no more than 60 inches above the floor. If the lowest point of clear opening is more than 46 inches above the floor, a permanent platform or fixture shall be installed such that a flat surface at least 20 inches wide and 9 inches deep is located no more than 46 inches directly below the clear opening. The topmost surface of the platform or fixture shall be no more than 24 inches above the floor. The topmost surface of the platform or fixture shall support a live load of at least 200 pounds.
5. An egress window with any point of clear opening below adjacent grade shall be provided with an areaway. The width of the areaway shall be at least equal to the width of the window. The areaway shall be a minimum of 36 inches measured perpendicular from the outer surface of the below-grade wall. If the bottom of the areaway is more than 46 inches below adjacent grade or the top of the areaway enclosure, the areaway shall be provided with a ladder or at least one additional step to aid egress.
6. Also required is that 8% natural light be provided in habitable rooms.

State of Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code Chapter: SPS320-325 is available online at: <http://dsps.wi.gov/sb/SB-DivCodesListing.html>. If you have any other questions you can call the Inspection Office Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (262) 335-5140.

Comm 21.03 (6) Egress Window Dimensions

Minimum
20" wide x 24" high
or
24" wide x 20" high



Exit Windows
See following diagram.