

CLIENT ASSISTANCE MEMO

Residential Emergency Egress Openings

This Tip Sheet reflects code requirements of the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC) with Washington State Amendments.

Basements, habitable attics and every sleeping room shall have not less than one operable emergency escape and rescue opening. Where basements contain one or more sleeping rooms, an emergency escape and rescue opening shall be required in each sleeping room. Emergency escape and rescue openings shall open directly into a public way, or to a yard or court that opens to a public way.

