

WAC 388-76-10795 Windows. (1) The adult family home must ensure the sill height of the bedroom window is not more than forty-four inches above the floor.

(2) For homes licensed after July 1, 2007, the department will not approve alternatives to the sill height requirement such as step(s), raised platform(s) or other devices placed by or under the window openings.

(3) The bedroom window must have the following:

(a) A minimum opening area of 5.7 square feet except a grade level floor window openings may have a minimum clear opening of 5.0 square feet;

(b) A minimum opening height of twenty-four inches; and

(c) A minimum opening width of twenty inches.

(4) The home must ensure the bedroom window can be opened from inside the room without keys or tools.

(5) When resident bedroom windows are fitted with storm windows, the home must equip the storm windows with release mechanisms that:

(a) Easily open from the inside; and

(b) Do not require a key or special knowledge or effort to open.

(6) The home must ensure that each basement and each resident bedroom window, that meets the requirements of subsection (1), (2) and (3) of this section, are kept free from obstructions that might block or interfere with access for emergency escape or rescue.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.128.040 and chapters 70.128 and 74.34 RCW. WSR 07-21-080, § 388-76-10795, filed 10/16/07, effective 1/1/08.]