

WINDOW FALL PROTECTION



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R312.2 Window fall protection. Window fall protection shall be provided in accordance with Sections R312.2.1 and R312.2.2.

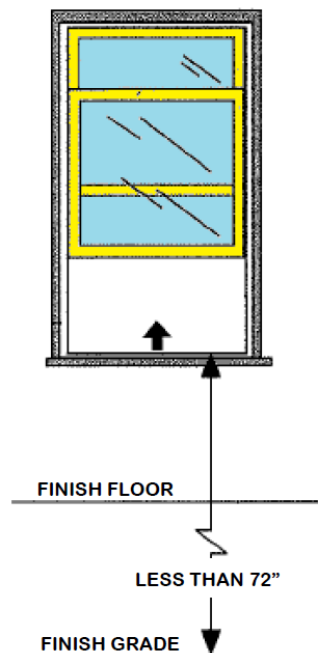
R312.2.1 Window sills. In dwelling units, where the lowest part of the opening of an operable window is located more than 72 inches above the finished grade or surface below, the lowest part of the window opening shall be a minimum of 36 inches above the finished floor of the room in which the window is located. Operable sections of windows shall not permit openings that allow passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere where such openings are located within 36 inches of the finished floor.

Exceptions:

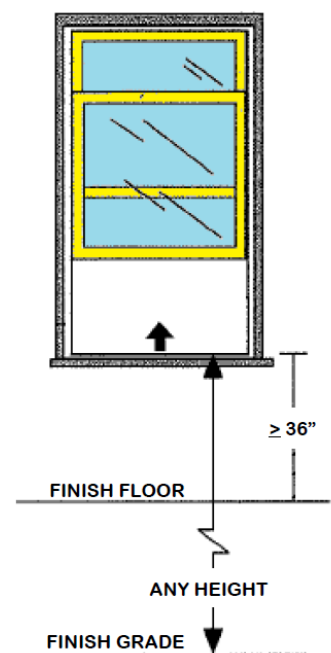
1. Windows whose openings will not allow a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere to pass through the opening when the opening is in its largest opened position.
2. Openings that are provided with window fall prevention devices that comply with ASTM F 2090.
3. Windows that are provided with window opening control devices that comply with Section R312.2.2.

R312.2.2 Window opening control devices.

Window opening control devices shall comply with ASTM F 2090. The window opening control device, after operation to release the control device allowing the window to fully open, shall not reduce the minimum net clear opening area of the window unit to less than the area required by Section R310.1.1.



FALL PROTECTION **NOT** REQUIRED
IF DISTANCE FROM FINISH GRADE
TO LOWEST PART OF WINDOW
OPENING IS LESS THAN 72 INCHES



FALL PROTECTION **NOT** REQUIRED
IF DISTANCE FROM FINISH FLOOR
TO LOWEST PART OF WINDOW
OPENING IS 36 INCHES OR MORE

