

OKLAHOMA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION
AND CODE DIRECTIVE #4

RESCUE WINDOWS IN CLASSROOMS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Even though the *International Building Code* does not specifically require rescue windows out of educational facilities, this office will enforce the *Life Safety Code* requirement from 14.2.11.1.1. This section states: "Every room or space greater than (250 sq ft) and used for classroom or other educational purposes or normally subject to student occupancy shall have not less than one outside window for emergency rescue that complies with the following unless otherwise permitted by 14.2.11.1.2:"

- (1) Such windows shall be openable from the inside without the use of tools and shall provide a clear opening of not less than 20 inches in width, 24 inches in height, and 5.7 sq. ft. in area.
- (2) The bottom of the opening shall be not more than 44 inches above the floor, and any latching device shall be capable of being operated from not more than 54 inches above the finished floor.
- (3) The clear opening shall allow a rectangular solid, with a width and height that provides not less than the required 5.7 sq. ft. opening and a depth of not less than 20 inches, to pass fully through the opening.
- (4) Such windows shall be accessible by the fire department and shall open into the area having access to a public way.

This requirement is only when the facility is not totally sprinklered.

Signed: Robert Doke

Fire Marshal

February 8, 2005

Date