

***Means of escape from dwelling***

From the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2000 the requirement for means of escape from dwellings has been amended to improve means of escape from all new dwellings and extensions.

***Requirements***

All dwellings and extensions shall have first floor windows suitable for means of escape. In bungalows rooms which connect to a hall which does not directly exit to an outside door requires windows suitable for means of escape.

***Achieving the requirement***

The window should have an unobstructed openable area that is at least 0.33m<sup>2</sup> and at least 450mm high and 450mm wide (the route through the window may be at an angle rather than straight through). The bottom of the openable area should be not more than 1100mm above the floor.

***Typical details to meet the requirement for means of escape***