

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 005 WINDOWS FOR USE AS A MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE FROM DWELLINGS

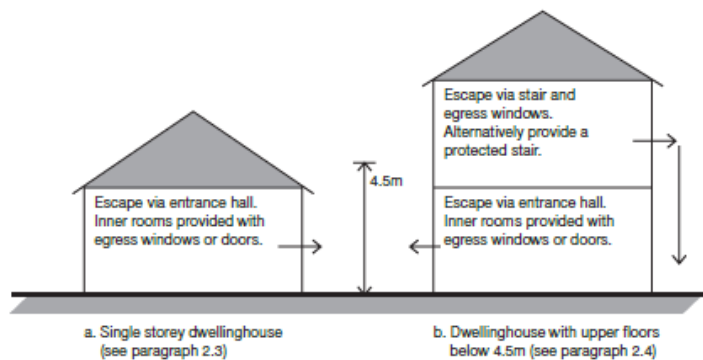
Means of escape requirements – buildings with floors less than 4.5m above external ground level.

All dwellings and extensions shall have 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.

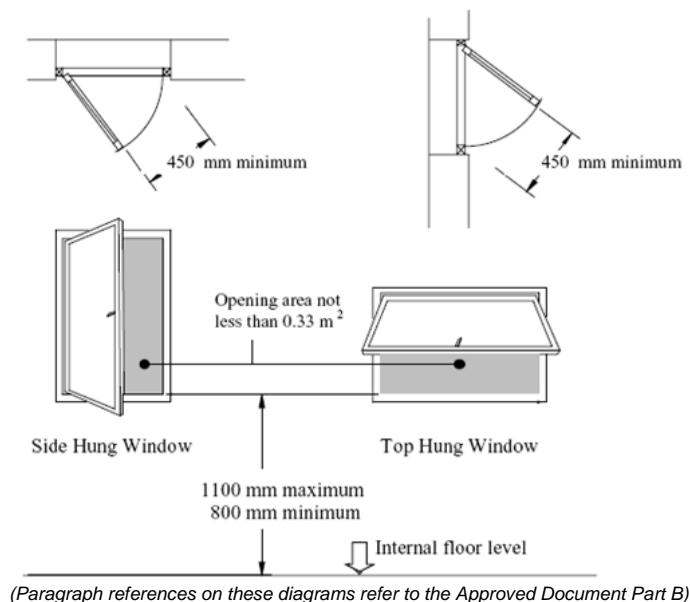
Achieving the requirement for means of escape

The window should have an unobstructed openable area that is at least **0.33m² 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 internal floor**.

Diagram 1 Means of escape from dwellinghouses



Below diagrams show typical window details to meet the requirement for means of escape



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