



**Informal Interpretation Report  
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**Question:**

Is it the intent of 1005.4.5 to not allow the use of windows as a means of Emergency escape at all, in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Port St. Lucie, FL. has unilaterally deemed that emergency escape must be thru a door only and do not have to put this in writing or in a usable format. The officials are holding permit issuances on more than 15 permits.

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