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Section R310.4

Question:

Is it the intent of R310.4 of the 2010 Residential Building Code to allow the installation of security bars to windows on a home that is utilizing the exterior doors as the Emergency Egress in sleeping rooms.

Answer

Yes, if all sleeping rooms have a code compliant door leading directly outside. The exterior doors would serve as the required escape and rescue openings.

Commentary:

Bars, grills, covers, screens or similar devices may also be placed over emergency egress windows per the Florida Building Code Residential per section 310.4 if the opening size complies with sections R310.1.1 to R310.1.3 and such devices shall be releasable or removable from the inside without the use of a key, tool, special knowledge or force greater than that which is required for normal operation of the escape and rescue opening.

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