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Section R310

Question:

Is it the intent of the code that a bathroom window that meets the emergency escape sizes with a bath tub under it be used as a emergency escape window.

Answer

No, the bathroom window may not serve as the emergency escape and rescue opening. The referenced section indicates the emergency escape and rescue opening must be located in the sleeping room not a different room or an adjoining space or room.

Commentary:

Making ones way to the bathroom and negotiating entry through shower curtains or enclosures and into the bathtub, which may provide questionable footing; in order to access the emergency escape opening would be inconsistent with the intent of the referenced section. Additionally, the opening is also for rescue. Firefighters making entry into a bathroom instead of the sleeping room could complicate or compromise their rescue efforts.

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