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Skylights Used as Emergency Escape and Rescue Openings

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Section: R310

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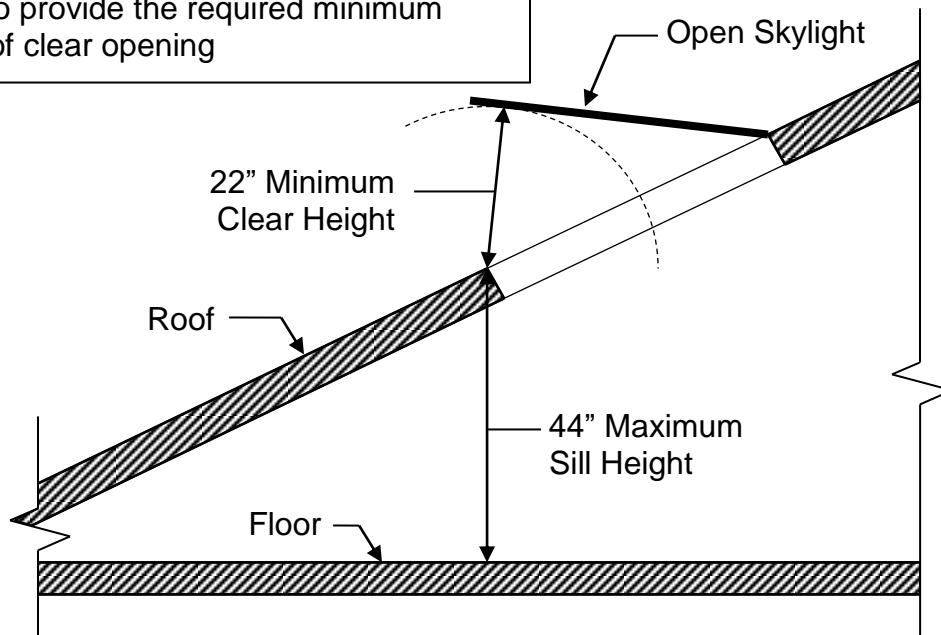
Question:

Can skylights that meet the requirements of Section R310 be used as emergency escape and rescue openings?

Answer:

Yes. The minimum opening height, width, and area must be available with the skylight in the open position (see sketch below).

EXAMPLE of OPENING DIMENSIONING:
22" clear height requires a 37 ½" clear width to provide the required minimum 5.7 sf of clear opening



SKETCH

Keywords:

Roof, means of egress, bedroom, sleeping room, emergency escape and rescue window, egress window