



## MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DWELLINGS

Minneapolis Department of Inspections  
(One and Two Family Dwellings)

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### Emergency Egress

All bedrooms shall have at least one window that meets the following requirements:

- Minimum net clear opening height of 24”.
- Minimum net clear width of 20”.
- Minimum net clear opening of 5.7 square feet.
- (Note: 20” x 24” opening does not provide 5.7 square feet of net clear opening)
- Maximum finished sill height of 44” above the finished floor.

Any basement sleeping area or basement addition for sleeping area requires that an emergency escape window be installed in the basement. IRC Section 310

### Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors are required on each floor (including basement), in each bedroom and in the hallway leading to the bedroom within 15 feet of bedroom doors. Hardwired detectors with battery backup are required in new construction. IRC R317

When interior alterations, repairs or additions requiring a permit occur, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing dwellings, the dwelling unit shall be provided with smoke alarms located as required for new construction. IRC R317.1.1

### Street Numbers

Every dwelling shall have the proper street address number conspicuously posted in the front and rear so as to be readily identifiable in case of fire or other emergency. The numbers shall be Arabic, not roman numerals or words, and shall be of sufficient size (two (2) inches minimum) and of contrasting color so as to be readily distinguished and readable from the public way, both front and rear. MHMC 244.970.

### Work Permits

Separate permits are required for all plumbing, heating/ventilation and all other mechanical work.

### Door Locks

Dead bolt locks are required on all entrance doors in multiple family dwellings and rental single family dwellings. Dead bolts must be operable from the inside without key or any special knowledge or effort. IRC R311