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**ESCAPE WINDOW / DOOR / BAR  
GRILLE RELEASE MECHANISM**

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Installation of bars, grilles, grates or similar devices over emergency escape and rescue openings or exit doors shall be installed in accordance with 2016 California Building Code Section 1030.4 and 2016 California Residential Code Section R310.4. In addition, the following requirements must be met:

ESCAPE OR RESCUE WINDOWS - The latch/release mechanism must open with a single action and be located immediately adjacent to the side of the window and be installed no higher than the window sill or 44” above the floor if the sill is lower.

EXIT DOORS – The latch/release mechanism must open with a single action and be installed between 34” and 48” above the floor except the exit doors serving accessible means of egress shall be installed between 34” and 44” above the floor.