



## Informational Bulletin: Window Fall Protection

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This informational bulletin serves to assist owners and designers to understand the specific window fall prevention provisions of the 2019 California Building Code. The requirement in R-1, R-2 and R-3 occupancies is intended to protect the occupant from falling from any type of elevated walking surface. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Building and Safety Division at 626-307-1300.

Section 1015.8 requires windows in the above occupancies including dwelling units, where the top of the sill of an operable window opening is located less than 36 inches above the finished floor and more than 72 inches above the finished grade or other surface below on the exterior of the building must be provided with one of the following safety feature:

- Operable windows where the top of the sill of the opening is located more than 75 feet above the finished grade or other surface below and that are provided with window fall prevention devices that comply with ASTM F2006.
- Operable windows where the openings will not allow a 4-inch-diameter sphere to pass through the opening when the window is in its largest opened position.
- Operable windows where the openings are provided with window control devices that comply with ASTM F2090.
- Operable windows that are provided with window opening control devices that comply with Section 1015.8.1.

