



## Residential Means of Egress

### ***Egress door***

- At least one side hinged egress door shall be provided for each dwelling unit with a minimum clear width of 32" and a minimum clear height of 78" (R311.2).

### ***Floors and landings***

- There shall be a floor or landing on each side of each exterior door. The width of each landing shall not be less than the door served. Every landing shall have a minimum dimension of 36" measured in the direction of travel. Exterior landings shall be permitted to have a slope not to exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent) (R311.3).
- Floors or landings at the required egress door shall not be more than 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " lower than the top of the threshold (R311.3.1).
  - Exception: The landing or floor on the exterior side shall not be more than  $7\frac{3}{4}$  inches below the top of the threshold provided the door does not swing over the landing or floor.
- Doors other than the required egress door shall be provided with a floor or landing not more than 7  $\frac{3}{4}$ " below the top of the threshold (R311.3.2).
  - Exception: A landing is not required if a stairway less than 30 inches (762 mm) in height is located on the exterior side of the door, provided the door does not swing over the stairway. The stairway height shall be measured vertically from the interior floor surface to the finished grade.
- Storm and screen doors shall be permitted to swing over all exterior stairs and landings (R311.3.3).

***Call the City of Mendota Heights' Department of Building Safety at 651 452 1850 if you have questions (8:00-4:30 M-F).***