

**Oregon  
Interpretive Ruling No. 93-68  
EMERGENCY EXITS FROM BEDROOMS**

**Requested By:** PPPI MANUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

**QUESTION**

Which of the situations shown would comply with the code?

Variables:

1. Opening A with door and Room II is a bedroom.
2. Opening A without door and Room II is a bedroom.
3. Room II is a bathroom with complying window and bedroom I's window does not comply.

**APPLICABLE CODE SECTIONS**

1993 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC), Section 1204 and One and Two Family Dwelling Specialty Code (Dwelling Code), Section R-210

**BACKGROUND**

Sections 1204 and R-210 require a window or door directly to the outside from each bedroom. Whether a door exists between the bedrooms is immaterial, as it has no bearing on the need for emergency egress. If Opening A is large enough, it might qualify Rooms I and II as one room, but not for exiting.

**FINDINGS**

This interpretation is authorized by ORS 455.060, Rulings on Acceptability of Materials, Designs or Methods of Construction and Attorney General's Opinion OP-5208 issued October 1, 1981, which advised the statute permits authoritative interpretations of existing code requirements.

**DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION**

The Structural Code Advisory Board ruled by interpretation that none of the examples comply. In examples 1 and 2, both windows must comply with Section 1204 or R-210. Example 3, when Room n is a bathroom with complying window and bedroom I's window does not comply with Section 1204 or R-210, and the two rooms are separate rooms, does not comply. If at some point, Opening A becomes wide enough so that Rooms I and n are one room, then a window in "Room I" could be used as an exit for "Room I."  
Interpretive Ruling 93-68 replaces PPPI-4081.

(signed November 17, 1993)

John Talbott,  
Chairman Structural Code Advisory Board

The recommendations and findings of the Structural Code Advisory Board are accepted and the conclusions are adopted.

(signed November 19, 1993)

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