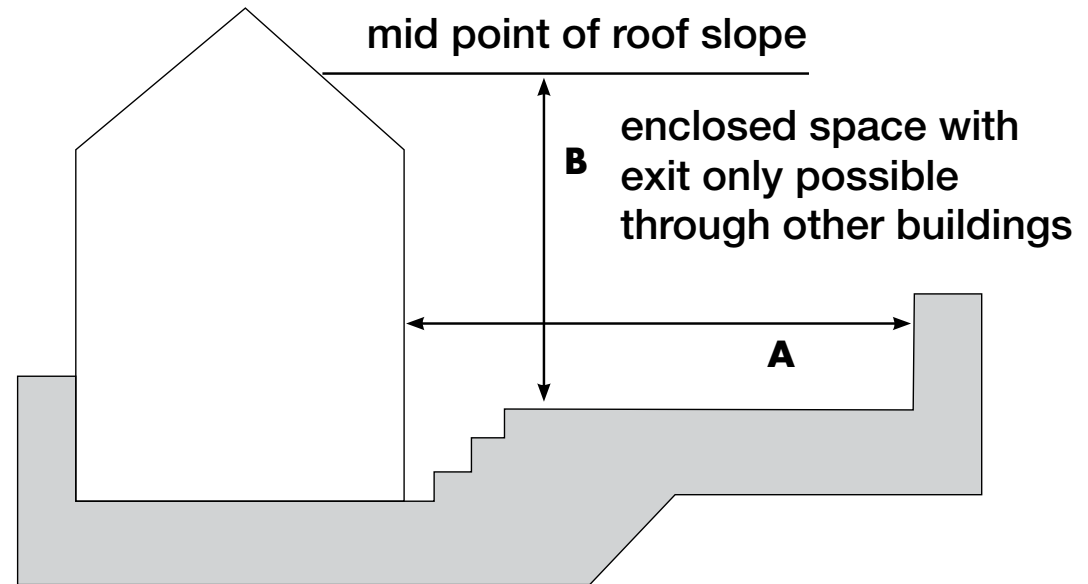


Means of escape guidance and protection from falling, collision and impact

EMERGENCY EGRESS

Any window provided for emergency egress purposes and any external door provided for escape should comply with the following conditions:

- ▶ The window should have an unobstructed openable area that is at least 0.33m² and at least 450mm high and 450mm wide (the route through the window may be at an angle rather than straight through). The bottom of the openable area should be not more than 1100mm above the floor.
- ▶ The window or door should enable the person escaping to reach a place free from danger or from fire. This is a matter for judgement in each case, but in general a courtyard or back garden from which there is no exit other than through other buildings would have to be at least as deep as the dwelling is high to be acceptable, see diagram.



Ground or basement storey exit into an enclosed space

Depth of back garden 'A' should exceed the height 'B' of the house above ground level for it to be acceptable for an escape route from the ground or basement storey to open into the garden.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Approved document K, Protection from falling, collision and impact specifies a minimum guarding height of 800mm, except in the case of a window in a roof where the bottom of the opening may be 600mm above the floor.