



SECURITY BARS, GRILLES AND SCREENS

A permit is required for the installation of security bars, grilles, grates, screens and similar devices on any occupied building. A minimum permit fee will be charged to cover the cost of inspection to verify that the installation does not impede emergency exiting or emergency egress from any room or building. The following code sections apply to these installations:

CBC 310.4 - Emergency egress windows from sleeping rooms of dwelling units may have security bars provided:

- 1) The devices are equipped with approved release mechanisms which are operable from the inside without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort; and
- 2) The building is equipped with smoke detectors in accordance with the current code (see smoke detector handout, generally in each sleeping room and hallway).

CBC 1001.3, 1004.1 and .3 - Exits shall not be obstructed. At least one 3' wide by 6'-8" high exit door is required in buildings occupied by humans. Exit doors shall be operable from the inside without the use of a key or tool, or any special knowledge or effort. Exit doors from individual dwelling units may be provided with a night latch, dead bolt, or security chain, provided such devices are operable from the inside without the use of a key or tool, and mounted at a height not to exceed 48" above the floor.

