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**Definition of Bedroom**

**Code:** 2018 Residential Code  
**Section:** R202

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**Question:**

When does a room have to be treated as a bedroom?

**Answer:**

When it meets the definition provided in Section 202 of the code. The definition for “Bedroom” is “Sleeping Room”. The definition for “Sleeping Room” is:

“A room designated as sleeping or bedroom on the plans and permit application.”

A room with a closet and/or a room with a window properly sized for an emergency escape opening does not constitute a bedroom. Only a room meeting the definition in the code is considered a bedroom.

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