# ABT Foundation Solutions Highlights Egress Window Installation for Basement Safety

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ABT Foundation Solutions, a provider of basement and foundation services in Northeast Wisconsin since 2002, is highlighting the role of professional egress window installation in enhancing home safety and functionality. With spring home improvement projects underway across the region, the company notes that many homeowners are evaluating lower-level spaces for potential living areas or additional storage. Egress windows address key requirements for finished basements used as bedrooms or habitable spaces by providing compliant emergency escape routes along with improved natural light and ventilation.

Egress windows consist of specially designed units that meet strict building code standards for minimum opening dimensions. These typically include at least 5.7 square feet of clear opening area, with a minimum width of 20 inches and height of 24 inches. The sill height cannot exceed 44 inches from the floor to ensure accessibility for occupants of all ages. ABT Foundation Solutions installs both slider-style windows with durable vinyl frames and associated window wells to facilitate safe exit while protecting against water intrusion. The company offers options such as composite landscape-style wells or metal wells, selected based on property specifics and drainage needs.

The installation process begins with a free inspection during which technicians assess the basement layout, existing foundation conditions, and any necessary modifications to walls or grading. Crews determine the optimal placement to comply with local codes while maximizing light entry. Excavation occurs only as needed around the exterior to accommodate the window well, followed by precise cutting of the foundation wall if required. The window unit is then securely set and sealed to maintain structural integrity and prevent leaks. Drainage systems are integrated where applicable to direct water away from the opening, often coordinating with broader waterproofing measures.

ABT Foundation Solutions employs in-house certified installers who undergo weekly training sessions focused on current code requirements and installation best practices. This preparation ensures each project adheres to standards while minimizing disruption to the property. The company completes between 800 and 1,200 jobs annually across residential and commercial sites, applying the same attention to detail whether the work involves a single window or multiple units in a larger basement renovation. Timelines typically allow projects to begin within three weeks of inspection approval, with full site restoration included upon completion.

Once installed, egress windows contribute to overall basement usability by allowing natural daylight to reduce reliance on artificial lighting and improve air circulation. Homeowners report enhanced comfort in these spaces, particularly in older homes where original designs may lack adequate exits. The additions also support property value by enabling code-compliant conversion of basement areas into functional living quarters without compromising safety. ABT Foundation Solutions coordinates egress window projects with related services when needed, such as ensuring proper grading around the well to complement existing drainage features.

Dan Dillenberg, Co-Owner of ABT Foundation Solutions, addressed the safety aspects of these installations. "Egress windows serve as a critical safeguard in finished basements, providing a reliable means of emergency escape while meeting code requirements that protect occupants," Dillenberg said. The company maintains that early evaluation during home assessments can prevent future compliance issues during property sales or renovations.

The installations utilize high-quality materials selected for durability in the local climate, including resistance to freeze-thaw cycles common in Northeast Wisconsin. Vinyl frames resist corrosion, and wells are engineered to withstand soil pressure and water exposure. Technicians perform final testing to confirm the smooth operation of the window mechanisms and proper sealing. Documentation provided to homeowners includes details on maintenance to preserve performance over time, along with the company's 100 percent guarantee that the specified scope of work will be completed as outlined.

Dillenberg further noted the integration within the company's full-service model. "Our approach ensures that

egress window installations align with any necessary foundation or basement preparations, delivering a cohesive solution for long-term stability," he added. All staff members, including estimators and office personnel, participate in ongoing training to support seamless project execution from initial consultation through final walkthrough.

ABT Foundation Solutions also emphasizes that professional installation avoids common pitfalls associated with do-it-yourself attempts, such as improper sizing or inadequate waterproofing around the opening. The certified team handles all aspects, including any required electrical or structural adjustments, to achieve full code compliance. This expertise extends to both new construction additions and retrofits in existing homes, with crews trained to work efficiently in confined spaces.

The company holds an A-plus rating with the Better Business Bureau, reflecting a consistent focus on customer satisfaction and ethical practices. Free inspections allow property owners to receive detailed assessments without obligation, with estimators providing clear explanations of findings and proposed solutions. This transparent process supports informed decision-making for homeowners considering basement enhancements.

ABT Foundation Solutions operates with a comprehensive philosophy that addresses multiple aspects of property protection. The addition of egress windows fits within its broader offerings, enabling homeowners to create safer and more versatile living environments below grade. Projects are customized to each site's unique conditions, whether involving poured concrete foundations or block walls typical in the area.

Founded in 2002, ABT Foundation Solutions, Inc. specializes in foundation repair, basement waterproofing, crawl space repair, concrete leveling, egress window installation, and gutter services for residential and commercial properties in Northeast Wisconsin. The company employs a team of trained professionals who deliver customized, permanent solutions with a focus on quality and durability.

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