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## ***Attic Access***

2025 California Building Code, Section 1209.2 Attic Spaces (different code section)

An opening not less than 20 inches by 30 inches (559 mm by 762mm) shall be provided to any attic area having a clear height of over 30 inches (762 mm). Clear headroom of at least 30 inches (762 mm) should be provided in the attic space at or above the access opening.

“Attics with a maximum vertical clear height of **less than 30 inches** need not be provided with an attic access opening.”

There are two items to consider when determining if attic access is required:

- 1) The vertical distance from the top of the bottom chord or ceiling joist to the bottom of the top chord or rafter should be a minimum of 30 inches at any one place in the attic.
- 2) Using the above vertical measurement process, a minimum of a 30-inch clear headroom is required directly above the access opening, and the opening shall not be less than 20-inch x 30-inch (559 mm by 762 mm).

**If there is an attic furnace, then the opening size will be required to be at a minimum 30 inches by 30 inches in size.**