2012 IRC Section R310.2 WINDOW WELLS
The minimum horizontal area of the window well shall be 9 sq. ft., with a minimum horizontal projection and width of 36 inches. The area of the window well shall allow the emergency escape and rescue opening to be fully opened.

R310.5 Emergency escape windows are allowed to be installed under decks and porches provided the location of the deck allows the emergency escape window to be fully opened & provides a path not less than 36" in height to a yard or court.

2012 IRC Section R310.2.1 LADDER AND STEPS
Window wells with a vertical depth greater than 44 inches below the adjacent ground level shall equipped with a permanently affixed ladder or steps usable with the window in the fully open position.