

2021 Virginia Construction Code
CHAPTER 12 INTERIOR ENVIRONMENT
SECTION 1209
ACCESS TO UNOCCUPIED SPACES

1209.1 Crawl spaces.

Crawl spaces shall be provided with not less than one access opening that shall be not less than 18 inches by 24 inches (457 mm by 610 mm).

1209.2 Attic spaces.

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

1209.3 Mechanical appliances.

Access to mechanical appliances installed in under-floor areas, in *attic* spaces and on roofs or elevated structures shall be in accordance with the [*International Mechanical Code*](#).