Tempered Glass Requirements*

Tempered Glass can be used in any window, but it is required by code in specific situations. When replacing windows, the following is a simple description of the most common conditions which require tempering.

1. Any Window or sidelight within 24 inches horizontally of a door must be tempered.
2. Any Window or Sash that is 9 square feet or more AND is 18 inches or less from a floor must be tempered.
3. Any Window within a Tub or Shower area that is less than 60 inches from the floor of the tub must be tempered.
4. Any Window on a Staircase Landing or within 60 inches a staircase tread must be tempered.

Additionally, Custom Windows automatically tempers any window with 40 square feet or more of glass for safety and strength.

* As of November 2010 – As Requirements May Change, Check Building Codes for Any Updates.