



Child Safety Guidelines for Window Coverings

Ensuring the safety of children around window coverings is crucial to prevent accidents and injuries. Follow these guidelines to create a safer environment for children:

1. **Motorization/Cordless Options:** Choose motorized/cordless window coverings whenever possible. Motorized/Cordless blinds, shades, eliminate the risk of entanglement and strangulation hazards associated with traditional cords.
2. **Safety Standards Compliance:** Purchase window coverings that meet current safety standards, such as those set by organizations like the Window Covering Manufacturers Association (WCMA). Look for products labeled with safety certifications or standards compliance.
3. **Cord Safety:** If corded window coverings are unavoidable, ensure cords are kept out of reach of children. Use cord cleats or tension devices to secure cords high and out of children's reach. Keep cords taut and away from furniture or other objects where children could climb and access them.
4. **Inspect Regularly:** Routinely inspect window coverings for any damaged or loose cords, broken parts, or potential hazards. Replace or repair any damaged components immediately to maintain a safe environment.
5. **Move Furniture Away:** Keep furniture, cribs, beds, and other items away from windows to prevent children from climbing and reaching window coverings or cords.
6. **Educate Caregivers:** Ensure that caregivers, babysitters, and family members are aware of window covering safety guidelines and understand the importance of keeping window cords and coverings out of children's reach.
7. **Supervision:** Always supervise young children around windows, especially when window coverings are in use. Teach children about the dangers of playing with cords or climbing on windowsills.
8. **Replace Old Coverings:** Consider replacing older window coverings with newer, safer options that meet current safety standards. Older blinds or shades may have cords that pose a higher risk of strangulation.
9. **Alternative Coverings:** Explore alternative window covering options such as cordless roller shades, motorized roller shades, or Shutters. These alternatives eliminate the need for cords altogether, minimizing hazards.
10. **Spread Awareness:** Spread awareness about window covering safety among friends, family, and your community. Encourage others to implement safety measures and ensure child-safe environments in their homes.

By following these child safety guidelines for window coverings, you can help reduce the risk of accidents and create a safer environment for children in your home or any other place where they spend time.