

Strike the right cord

Children can be strangled by window cords on blinds and curtains. In fact, such tragedies are among the top hazards in American homes. Infants and children die each year from accidental strangling in the cords.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that only cordless window coverings or those with unreachable cords be used in homes with young children. They are available today in the marketplace and will prevent window blind strangulations.

In addition, the Window Covering Safety Council encourages parents, grandparents and caregivers to follow these basic cord-safety precautions:

- Move all furniture, cribs, beds, and climbable surfaces away from windows.
- Keep all window shades, blinds, and drapery cords well out of the reach of children.
- Install only cordless window coverings in homes with young children.

