



Accent Blinds has
Child Safety
in Mind



Blinds & Curtain Cords Hazards

Loose blinds and curtain cords/chains particularly those with loops are dangerous.

A child can place the loop over their head or get tangled in loose cords when:

- Sleeping in a cot or bed where cords are hanging
- Playing near cords
- Standing on a chair, sofa or bed to look out of the window

Children do not understand that a cord/chain wrapped around their neck can tighten and strangle them in just a few minutes if they sit down, roll around or climb to the floor.

Since the early 1990s at least 15 young Australian children have tragically died in this way.

Steps for Protecting Children

Our company installs your custom made internal blinds in accordance with National Standards introduced in December 2010. The following four simple steps ensure that blinds and curtain cords/chains in your home are out of reach of children, particularly children under six.

1. Check your blinds and curtain cords are installed correctly as follows:

- ✓ Check there are no loose or looped cords that your child can reach from the floor or by climbing on furniture
- ✓ Where blinds or curtain cords operate check safety cleats have been installed. Immediately and always tie cords out of reach, and move and keep away any furniture children might climb on to reach them.

2. Secure loose cords out of reach

- ✓ Check each of your blinds or shades has been installed with child compliant safety devices such as cleats or chain tensioning devices
- ✓ Check 2 screws securely fix each cleat or tensioning device in a place that is out of reach of children
- ✓ Ensure all unsafe cord or chain loops are at least 1600mm above the floor out of reach

3. Choose safe blinds and curtains which:

- ✓ Are supplied and installed with warning label swing tags, warning of danger to children. Please take the time to read these warning labels
- ✓ Are provided and installed with an approved child safety mechanism so there are no lops or strands closer to the floor than 1600mm that children can reach, or
- ✓ Operate without exposed cords/chains

4. Keep children away from all cords/chains

- ✓ Move anything a young child can sit in or climb on (like cots, highchairs, beds, sofas, tables, chairs, and bookshelves) away from windows that have cords/chains – even those tied around a cleat, as your child may be able to untie them
- ✓ Do not let your children play near cords/chains they can easily reach
- ✓ Never leave your child alone in a room with cords/chains they can reach



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