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Child-Safe Blinds and Curtains

Curtain and blind cords can be a real danger to your children. Children can get caught in the cords and be strangled. This can happen when the cords are too long or they end in a loop, and when furniture or bedding is too close to windows.

Making your curtains and blinds safe is cheap and easy.

Check all the blinds and curtains in your home and then follow these tips to permanently remove any hazards.

Blinds and curtain cords should be well out of the reach of children.

- Cut the cords short but ensure the blind will still be operational if adjusted. Whether the blind is up or down, make sure children can't reach the cords. As a guide, cords should be 1.6 metres above the ground.
- Another option is to replace cords with a curtain or blind wand.
- Never put a crib, bed, high chair, or playpen near a window or patio door where a child can reach the curtain or blind cord and strangle.
- Don't put sofas, chairs, tables, shelves or bookcases near windows to keep children from climbing up and coming into contact with the curtain or blind cord. Cords ending in a loop are particularly risky and must be rectified.
- Simply cut the cord in half to get rid of the loop but ensure the blind will still be operational if adjusted. Then install tassels to neaten it up and prevent the cords from fraying.
- Knotting or tying the cords together is NOT recommended because this creates a new loop in which a child could become entangled.

