RealEstate BLINDS

CHILD SAFETY GUIDE

SAFE BY DESIGN.
SAFE BY INSTALLATION.

Practical checks for blinds, curtains and window fittings in rental homes.

WHY IT MATTERS

Loose or looped cords can tangle around a young child's neck. Children may reach them from a cot, window sill or nearby furniture. Accidents can happen very quickly.

Three checks that matter

Based on ACCC Product Safety guidance

01

SECURE EVERY CORD

Check every room. Secure loose or looped cords with a cleat or tension device firmly fixed to the wall or window frame. Never leave cords hanging within a child's reach.

02

CLEAR THE WINDOW AREA

Move cots, beds, highchairs and playpens away from cords. Keep sofas, chairs, tables, shelves and bookcases away from windows with corded blinds or curtains.

03

CHECK THE FITTING

Choose coverings that meet Australia's mandatory standard and carry warning labels. Consider cordless options. Recheck safety devices after cleaning, maintenance or repairs.

IN A RENTAL PROPERTY

If a cord or chain is accessible, contact the landlord or property manager so it can be made safe. Keep children away from an unsecured cord while the issue is being addressed.

MAKE EVERY WINDOW SAFER FOR CHILDREN.

Use this quick check during an inspection, handover or after maintenance.

WINDOW SAFETY CHECK

- [ ] Check every room for loose, long or looped cords and chains - including those reachable from the floor or climbable furniture.
- [ ] Confirm any cleat or tension device is firmly fixed to the wall or frame. Tape and glue are not suitable fixings.
- [ ] Keep cots, beds, highchairs, playpens and climbable furniture away from windows with corded coverings.
- [ ] Check that warning labels and safety information are present and understood.
- [ ] Report any missing, loose or damaged safety device promptly and keep children away from the hazard.

REAL ESTATE BLINDS APPROACH

As outlined on our Safety Standards page: child-safe components, secured operating cords and chains, clear care and safety information, and professional installation.

Important safety reminders

Never leave a child alone in a room with unsecured blind or curtain cords, even briefly. If someone is seriously injured or needs urgent medical help, call Triple Zero (000).

ACCC SOURCES

ACCC Product Safety: Blinds, curtains and window fittings guide
productsafety.gov.au/consumers/be-safe-around-the-home/use-products-inside-the-home-safely/blinds-curtains-and-window-fittings-guide

ACCC: ACCC warns of dangers of loose blind and curtain cords (23 June 2016)
accc.gov.au/media-release/accc-warns-of-dangers-of-loose-blind-and-curtain-cords