Are Your Window Coverings Safe for Your Child?

Every parent needs to be aware of child safety, and this begins at home. Use only cordless window coverings or those with inaccessible cords in homes with young children. Replace older corded window coverings with today’s safer products, especially those that are certified “Best for Kids.”

Ask your doctor for information about window covering cord safety or visit windowcoverings.org.

For more information on window covering safety and certified “Best for Kids” products visit: windowcoverings.org.
Scholastic and the Window Covering Safety Council are teaming up to raise awareness of potential window-cord hazards for families with small children, instruct families on what to look for, and guide them on how to make their homes safer.

Please help spread the word by placing this poster in your office's waiting room or exam room and distributing photocopies of information provided in this packet to your patients.

Thanks for helping to keep kids safe and healthy!
Parents and parents-to-be have a million things on their minds when it comes to raising their children. But every parent needs to be aware of child safety, and this begins in the home. When window cords are accessible to small children, these seemingly harmless products may become strangulation hazards.

Be Alert for Strangulation Hazards in Your Home.
Visit [windowcoverings.org](http://windowcoverings.org) for more information.

To make sure your home is a safe one, consider the following tips:

- Only install cordless window coverings or window coverings with cords that are inaccessible and cannot create a hazardous loop in homes with young children.
- Move all cribs, beds, furniture, and toys away from windows and window cords, preferably to another wall.
- Keep all window cords well out of the reach of children and eliminate any dangling cords. Make sure that tasseled pull cords are as short as possible.
- Check that cord stops are properly installed and adjusted to limit the movement of inner lift cords.
- Continuous-loop cords on draperies and vertical blinds should be permanently anchored to the floor or wall so that they are kept taut.
- When purchasing new window coverings, look for the “Best for Kids” certification label.

For more information on window covering safety and certified “Best for Kids” products visit: [windowcoverings.org](http://windowcoverings.org). Or call for your FREE retrofit kit: 1-800-506-4636.