



make it safe!

Reduce the risk from looped
blind cords and chains.
This leaflet will show you how



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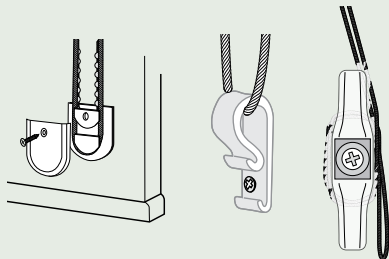
Blind Cord Safety

You can take a number of practical and simple precautions to significantly reduce the risk.

By securing looped cords or chains with one of the many safety devices available.

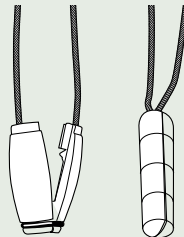
Tie-back or cleat

This can be attached to an adjacent wall with cords wrapped around, it to put it out of reach of children.



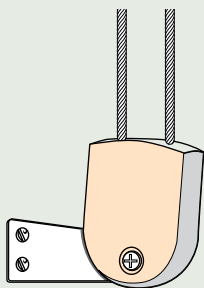
Chain-break connector or Safety tassel

These will break apart when excessive force is applied to the operating chain or cord.



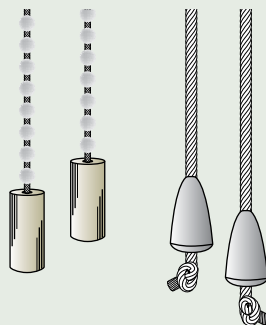
Spring cord tensioner

Attached to the window recess. The cord is fed through a pulley which tensions the cord as if it was weighted.



Tassel

Cords and chains can be supplied with toggles attached to each end.



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By always consulting a British Blind and Shutter Association member. Each one is committed to the BBSA's "make it safe" code.

Blind cords and chains can pose a risk for babies, children and vulnerable people who could injure or even strangle themselves on the hanging looped cords.



Make sure all cords are out of reach.



Do not place your child's cot, bed, highchair or playpen near to a window blind.



Do not put sofas, chairs, table, shelves or bookcases near to a window blind, as children love to climb.

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They will give you the best possible advice on the most appropriate choice of blind and the ways to make it safer. You will also be able to find out about blind options that are designed to operate without hanging cords, such as wand or motor operated. Find your local member by visiting www.bbsa.org.uk



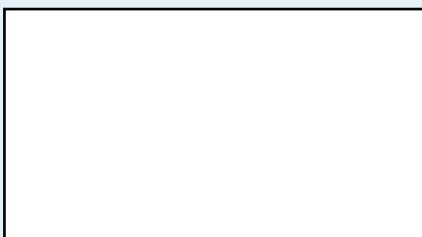
The British Blind and Shutter Association

Represents over 400 member companies that manufacture and supply interior and exterior blinds, awnings, security grills and shutters. The Association has always taken a leading role in encouraging the highest possible standards of product, service and safety. Every member is required to comply with a strict code of practice. The BBSA is a major contributor to the development of European standards (CEN) which includes references to blind cord safety.

The CEN official standard

“Complete elimination of the strangulation risk can only be achieved by keeping cords, chains, and tapes and similar out of the reach of children. Use of additional safety devices may reduce the risk of strangulation but cannot be considered foolproof. Motorisation eliminates the risk associated with looped and pull-cord operating mechanisms but the risk relating to inner tapes and cords (for relevant products) remains. Persons in charge of children are ultimately responsible for following the safety instructions provided by the manufacturer.”

Your local BBSA member



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