

# **Blind cord safety information and advice**

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Looped blind cords and chains can pose a risk of injury or worse to babies and small children. It's important that adults check their homes and take steps to make their blind cords safe.

## **Keep out of reach**

Window blind cords and chains must be kept out of reach of babies and small children.

Simple steps – such as securing cords and chains with safety devices and keeping furniture away from windows so that children cannot climb on them – can help prevent deaths.

Toddlers aged between 16 and 36 months are most vulnerable. It can take as little as seconds for a toddler to lose their life from becoming entangled in a window blind cord or chain.

You should:

- look around your home from a child's point of view to help spot potential dangers
- examine every blind in your home – if they have a looped control chain or cord and do not have a safety device fitted, then you can easily install one of the many devices available
- make sure that all blind cords and chains cannot be reached by children
- move cots, beds, playpens, highchairs and any furniture away from windows and blinds – remember children love to climb
- when buying a new blind, always look for one that does not contain cords, has concealed cords or has an in-built safety device and that complies with the new European Standards

You can get more information and advice, including a helpful video, on the [blind cord safety](#) page.

For further advice on how to make your home blind cord safe, contact the home safety officer at your [local council](#) or your health visitor.

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