



# *Child Safety*

*for window coverings*



# Safe and easy operation

As children grow so does their curiosity with the world around them. Basic household items, including window coverings, can turn into potential hazards. We consider Child Safety a top priority. Making products safer for homes with infants and young children is an integral part of our design philosophy.



We are committed to adhere to the European EN 13120 standard (Internal Blinds Performance Requirements incl. safety) as a minimum safety requirement. In addition, we are continuously creating new and child friendly systems that complement your home's décor, and increase your user comfort.

Due to the changes in the European standard, you might have noticed some changes to your blind. The standard operating length of most blinds with cord or chain operation, has been reduced to a maximum of 1 m to lower the risk of injuries on young children.

## General advice

Buyers and users of blinds should be aware of the hazards that can be posed by unrestrained cords, braids, loop chains and wires, which may be hazardous to young children. The following guidelines should always be considered.

- Young children can be strangled by loops in pull cords, chains, tapes and inner cords that operate the product. They can also wrap cords around their necks.
- To avoid strangulation and entanglement, keep cords out of reach of young children.
- Move beds, cots and furniture away from window covering cords.
- Do not tie cords together. Make sure cords do not twist and create a loop.
- Install and use the included safety devices according to the installation instructions on these devices to reduce possibility of such an accident.





# Solutions

**There are a number of features across our product ranges which address the issue of minimizing the risk to children.**

## **Quick release cord connectors**

Quick release cord connectors are fitted as standard on many blinds. These connectors break apart and separate when pressure is applied to them.

## **Motorized operation**

A wide variety of products are offered with motorized options that allow the product to be operated at the touch of a button. The remote control operation or wall switch eliminates operating cords for enhanced Child Safety and user comfort. Options include wired and battery-powered motorization.

## **Crank or wand operation**

Many products are available with a crank or slide wand system. The slide wand allows you to effortlessly slide vertical blinds. Our special crank operation integrates both lift and tilt functions into one easy-to-use crank.

# Cord and chain operations

If you prefer a cord or endless chain, safety for your child is increased with extra safety devices. All products are supplied with a cord or chain safety device.

- Cord cleats and tensioners enable any cords or chains to be fastened to the wall - out of the reach of children. A break away chain connector make sure that any loop in the chain will break when an excessive force is pulling on the chain.
- A cord cleat is supplied with every product which has pull cords. Be aware that these need to be installed at a minimum height of 1.5 m from the floor.
- A chain tensioner is supplied with every product which has an operating chain.
- Detailed instructions of how to install the devices in a safe manner are always attached to the blind.
- A warning tag which highlights the dangers to children is attached to every cord or chain operated blind and is also repeated in the installation instructions which come with the product.

