

Window blinds kill a child every 2 weeks, yet manufacturers and consumers remain unaware of the danger. We want to inform and educate in order to ensure that no more children die due to window blinds.

It is a silent killer and can happen within seconds. In Washington state we passed a law for the minimum licensing requirements for window blind cords in honor of our daughter and our goal is to make this law be passed in all 50 states nation wide. It is known as the Jaclyn Frank Law RCW 43.215.360.

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Important links for parents to review:

Jaclyn Frank Organization
www.jaclynfrank.org

Window Blind Safety and information
www.pfwbs.org

US Consumer Product Safety
www.cpsc.gov



Parents Read This!

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If you have any other suggested questions, please email the suggestions to mishifrank@comcast.net

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Most consumers are familiar with the dangers associated with window blinds. Some believe placing the pull cords out of a child's reach can make the blind safe. Others are under the impression that eliminating the loop by separating the draw cord tassels can similarly make the blind free from problems. Still others believe that the installation of cord stops will make their blinds "child safe."

These consumers have been misinformed. Children continue to die on blinds which have installed safety devices and retrofit kits that the industry has led consumers to believe will make their blinds "child safe."

It is not only the outdated window treatments that are dangerous. NEW window treatments that incorporate manufactured "child safety kits" regularly kill children.

Children have strangled on:

- Brand new faux wood blinds
- Roman shades
- Vertical blinds
- Mini blinds
- Break away window blinds
- Corded pleated shades
- Bamboo roller shades

There are 8 ways that children have strangled on window blinds and corded window treatments:

- Inner Cord
- Looped pull cord
- Knotted cords
- Blind in free fall
- Reverse Inner cord
- Pull cord wrap around
- Cord Joiner
- Multiple Cords in Single Tassel

Here are the main types of safety hazards:

Inner Cord

Even with a safety device correctly attached to separate the pull cords and to prevent the inner cord from coming out on a corded window treatment, the inner cord can pull out to form a loop, constituting a strangulation hazard. These loops can form at any location on the blinds where the pull cord runs through the blind slats. The inner cord can also be reached by pulling off the caps underneath the lifting bar. Many parents are not even aware that this is possible.

Knotted Cord (a)

Separated tassels can become tangled or knotted, the knot forming a dangerous loop causing a strangulation hazard. This can occur on any window blind or corded window treatment that has more than one cord with the safety tassels correctly attached. The safety tassels do not keep the cords from knotting again and again.

Knotted Cord (b)

Even when parents have placed window cords out of the reach of children, a child will eventually be able to reach up and untangle them. Children two years and older have died by reaching cords that are tied up and out of reach. Once the child unwinds the cords, they become twisted and tangled, even with safety kits attached, forming loops that can strangle a child.

Single Cord—Wrap Around

A single, unknotted cord that is at least 7 1/2 inches long is a hazard when it becomes wrapped around a child. Children literally wrap the cord around their own necks. The child can gain access to the cord, pull the window treatment open and wrap it around the neck. Children have died from ONE cord wrapped around their neck. No matter how short the cords are cut, they will always be a long enough to be a strangulation hazard in the home.

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