

# Blind cords and chains can kill children

Looped blind cords and chains are dangerous. They can strangle a child, and have led to the deaths of children.



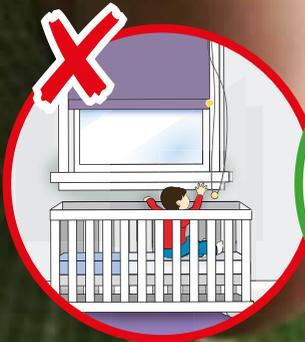
**make it safe**

For what to look for in new blinds and how to make existing blinds safer go to:

<http://www.makeitsafe.org.uk>

**PLEASE ACT NOW** to help to keep your children safe and prevent any further tragedies

Window or door blind cords and chains can pose a real risk for babies and children.



Move beds, cots, highchairs and playpens away from window covering cords and chains.



Make sure all cords and chains are always secured out of reach of babies and young children. Do not tie cords or chains together. Make sure cords or chains do not twist and create a loop.



Move furniture away from window covering cords and chains as children love to climb.

**Be aware of strangulation hazards around the home like bag straps, scarves and baby monitor cords lying on the ground.**

For further safety advice for your area please contact:

Staffordshire Trading Standards on 0300 111 8045 or  
Stoke-on-Trent Trading Standards on 01782 232 065

### It's the law

In 2014 the standards regarding the manufacture, supply and professional installation of internal window blinds changed significantly. It is now illegal to supply or professionally install an internal window blind which does not comply with the child safety requirements of BS EN 13120:2009+A1:2014

