

# 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.**

**Act now to ensure that all cords and chains are kept securely out of the reach of babies and children.**



**make it  
safe**

**For further safety advice for  
your area please contact:**

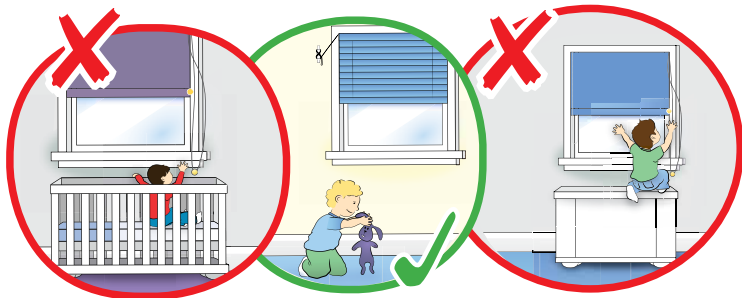
**Staffordshire Trading Standards  
on 0300 111 8045 or**

**Stoke-on-Trent Trading Standards  
on 01782 232 065**



**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. Five young children have already tragically died in Staffordshire as a result of blind cord strangulation and many more children have died or been seriously injured across the UK.



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.**

Messages from Staffordshire parents who have tragically lost their children.

***“You never think it will happen to you.”***

(Parents of Lillian)

***“Ban corded blinds”***

(Parents of Harrison)

***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

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