



## **Safety Warning: Recalled Shades and Blinds**

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There's been a marked increase in the number of recalled shades and blinds during the past few years. Far too many **children keep getting their necks and heads caught** in the cords and drawstrings of these products while playing. Serious strangulation risks can develop in just a matter of seconds.

Roman shades are frequently involved in many of the recalls. However, roll-up blinds pose their own share of risks. To help consumers make sure they're not still using any of these products, we've surveyed all of the recalls from the past few years and compiled a representative list of many of the recalled brands.

We suggest you print out this article and walk through every room in your home, making sure you can't find any of the listed shades or blinds. Our children and seriously disabled family members are counting on us to remove all dangerous products from our homes.

The first list set forth below names the recalled shades and blinds in alphabetical order, according to the store names whether they've been sold exclusively. The second list names the manufacturers, in alphabetical order, of the various blinds and shades. Should you find any of these recalled products hanging in your home, we suggest you take them down immediately. *(Note: We've posted a link to the comprehensive list of all of the CPSC recalled shades and blinds we reviewed from recent years at the end of this article.)*

## Exclusive Sellers of Recalled Shades and Blinds During Recent Years

- **Ace Hardware/Big Lots:** 2009 Recall of Roll-up Blinds manufactured by Lotus & Windoware;
- **Big Lots:** 2009 Recall of **Matchstick Roll-up Shades** by International Merchandise;
- **Blair:** 2010 Recall of Roman Shades;
- **IKEA:** (1) 2008 Recall of all Roman Blinds – *A child's death prompted this recall;* (2) 2009 Recall of Roman Blinds prompted by a near strangulation; (3) 2010 Recall of all Roman Blinds and all Roll-up Blinds;
- **Jo Ann Fabric and Craft Stores:** 2010 Recall of all Roll-up Blinds;
- **JC Penney:** 2009 Recall for repair of Roman Shades and Roll-up Blinds; *Recall prompted by near strangulation of child;*
- **Land of Nod:** 2009 Recall to Repair Roman Shades made by **Airtex Designs Group;**
- **Lowe's Stores:** 2010 Recall to repair Roman Shades and Roll-up Blinds; *Recall prompted by two near child strangulations;*
- **Target:**2009 Recall to repair **Victoria Classics Roman Shades;**
- **Walmart:**2009 Recall to repair Roll-up Blinds and Roman Shades;

## Alphabetical List of Recalled Shades/Blinds by Names of Manufacturers

- **American Vintage Group:** 2009 Recall to repair Faux Wood Blinds;
- **Draper Inc:** 2009 Recall of Roman Shades;
- **Ethan Allen:** 2010 Recall to repair Roman Shades;
- **Hanover Direct/Domestications:** 2010 Recall of Roman Shades, Roll-up Blinds and Roller Blinds; *Recall prompted by the strangulation death of a child;*
- **Lutron Electronics:** 2010 Recall to repair Roman Shades;
- **Oriental Furniture:** 2010 Recall to repair Roman Shades and Roll-up Blinds;
- **Smith & Noble:** 2010 Recall of Roman and Roller Shades; Recall prompted by a near strangulation; *and*
- **Vertical Land:** 2009 Recall to repair Window Blinds; *Recall prompted by the strangulation death of a child*

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