

A Child's Death Brings Safety Questions To Window Blinds Industry

The tragic, choking death of a child has brought to light questions of product safety for window blind manufacturers.

As with many lethal safety issues for children, the cords that dangle from window blinds are given little thought. So often is the case that a seemingly benign product can pose serious dangers to young children. With so many worries and cares already in the minds of parents, it's easy to see how the cords that are used to raise and lower window blinds would fly under the radar and not given the attention they deserve. But that kind of carelessness is exactly how such terrible accidents are allowed to occur.

In fact strangulation accidents with window blind cords have resulted in the deaths of more than 560 children, and many more injuries. Such accidents come from a combination of a dangerous product and unaware parents. Perhaps the biggest tragedy is that all of these accidents could have easily been avoided by the use of safer products and more awareness of the potential danger.

Currently however finding a child-safe window blind is not as easy as it sounds as the majority of the window blinds involved in fatal accidents fully comply with today's national safety standards.

That fact leaves parents to search for specialty products that are truly a safer alternative such as cordless blinds. Often these specialty items have a higher cost and may be too expensive for many young families.

As a [personal injury attorney serving Florida](#) for more than 30 years I have seen the terrible effect an unsafe product can have on the lives of real families. And I find that this child's death brings to light a ongoing industry problem caused by a risk of choking for children from the hanging cords of window blinds. The solution is very easy and inexpensive. A cord link can be put on by the manufacturer which insures when over ten pounds of pressure is placed on the cord the link opens so that the cord is no longer a choking hazard.

Be that as it may, as with any industry new safety regulations will only happen when the political pressure can result in new regulations. It will take a greater awareness of this issue to create the consensus needed by lawmakers to require additional, more effective safety measures for window blinds.

For more information on the very real dangers of window blinds and safer available products visit <http://parentsforwindowblindsafety.org/>. There you can find information about making your window blinds more safe and find window blinds tested as safe for children.