

# National Window Covering Safety Month



In 2015, the Window Covering Manufacturers Association (WCMA) introduced the industry's first third party certification program designed to help consumers and retailers identify window covering products that are best suited for use in homes with young children. *The Best for Kids* program requires manufacturers meet stringent criteria and submit those products to a third-party testing laboratory to test for compliance.

Every year we urge consumers to replace their older window treatments with today's safer products, or get free retrofit kits from the WCSC. This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the campaign, which has made billions of safety impressions that help to save lives. Do a walk through and look at every window covering in your home and make sure your window coverings are safe.

## CHECK LIST FOR WINDOW COVERING SAFETY

Please check the following:

- \_ Make sure window coverings with operating cords are short enough so young children can't reach them.
- \_ Move all furniture, beds, cribs, toys, etc. far away from window coverings so children can't climb on them to reach any accessible cords.
- \_ Make sure window coverings with a continuous loop operating cord / bead chain have a restraining device installed.
- \_ Make sure window coverings with cord stops / cord connectors are properly assembled and functional.
- \_ Make sure window coverings with cord locks have cord cleats installed.
- \_ Make sure window coverings with accessible cords have bottom rail warning labels attached.

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To learn more about window-cord safety or the free retrofit kits, go to the Window Covering Safety Council's web site at <https://windowcoverings.org/>

For product information visit [vistaproducts.com](http://vistaproducts.com) or contact our customer service at 800-888-6680.