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The members of the Window Covering Manufacturers Association (WCMA) and the Window Covering Safety Council (WCSC) in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) are reminding parents and caregivers of potential window cord dangers and urging them to only use cordless window products in young children's bedrooms and sleeping areas.

To maximize window-cord safety when young children are present, consumers are urged to follow these safety guidelines:

- Install only cordless window coverings in young children's bedrooms and sleeping areas. Replace window blinds, corded shades and draperies manufactured before 2001 with safer products.
- Move all cribs, beds, furniture and toys away from windows and window cords, preferably to another wall.
- Keep all window pull cords and inner lift cords out of the reach of children. Make sure that tasseled pull cords are short and continuous-loop cords are permanently anchored to the floor or wall. Make sure cord stops are properly installed and adjusted to limit movement of inner lift cords.
- Lock cords into position whenever horizontal blinds or shades are lowered, including when they come to rest on a windowsill.
- Retrofit all products in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations as instructed by the recent CPSC product recall (www.cpsc.gov).

Consumers wishing to obtain additional information can contact WCSC at www.windowcoverings.org or its toll-free phone line at 1-800-506-4636.
