



**WINDOW COVERING
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**Window Covering Manufacturers Association Announces Publication
of Provisional Standard**

ANSI/WCMA A100.1-2009 (PS) made available for online download via wcmagnet.org.

NEW YORK, NY (March 1, 2009) — The Window Covering Manufacturers Association (WCMA) today announced the publication of ANSI/WCMA A100.1-2009 (PS), the revision of ANSI/WCMA A100.1 - 2007 Standard of Safety for Corded Window Covering Products.

This newly revised standard includes important design criteria and new safety warning hangtags specifically for Roman Shades. The standard was published under the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) provisional standards procedures in order to expedite the availability of this important safety information.

"To insure manufacturers will have immediate access to the material in the voluntary standard WCMA is now offering online purchase via the WCMA Web site and via the ANSI eStandards store." said WCMA Executive Director, Ralph Vasami.

In accordance with Annex C *Procedures for the Development of a Provisional American National Standard (ANS) or a Provisional Amendment to an ANS* of the ANSI Essential Requirements, the Window Covering Manufacturers Association has published a Provisional Standard update of *ANSI/WCMA A100.1-2007 for Safety of Corded Window Covering Products*.

Purchase of a downloadable pdf version of the Provisional Standard is available via the WCMA Web site wcmagnet.org. The WCMA Web site also offers order forms to purchase print copies.

Originally organized in the 1950s as the Venetian Blind Council, the Window Covering Manufacturers Association (WCMA) represents the interests of the window covering industry manufacturers, fabricators and assemblers. Industry products include blinds, shades, shutters, curtains, curtain rods, drapes, drapery hardware, and other window treatments. WCMA has three membership categories: Manufacturers, Fabricators and Associates. Membership in the Manufacturers category is limited to companies engaged in the business of manufacturing or assembling interior or exterior window covering products. The Fabricator category includes members whose companies are engaged in the business of fabricating or assembly of interior or exterior window coverings. The Associates category includes members whose companies are not eligible for membership in the Manufacturer or Fabricator categories, but are interested in the welfare of the window covering industry. Suppliers of goods and services to manufacturers and fabricators comprise many of the members in the Associates category.

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