
Child Safety

Rev. 07.16.26

Shades by Matiss is committed to child safety. Corded window coverings can present a strangulation risk to infants and young children. We follow the Window Covering Manufacturers Association (WCMA) recommended safety standards and encourage the safest product choices for any home or facility where children may be present.

The risk

Exposed or looped operating cords and bead chains can pose a serious strangulation hazard to infants and young children. Keep all cords and chains out of the reach of children at all times.

Our recommendation — go cordless or motorized

For any residence, school, healthcare, or facility where children may be present, we strongly recommend cordless or motorized shades, which have no accessible operating cords. These are the safest option and reflect the intent of current window-covering safety standards.

If you choose a corded product

- Install cord-tensioning or hold-down devices that keep bead chains and cord loops pulled taut and anchored to the wall or floor.
- Keep cords and chains out of reach; do not place cribs, beds, playpens, or furniture near window coverings where a child could reach a cord.
- Retain the warning tags and labels affixed to corded products, and follow the installation and safety instructions provided.

Safety devices we offer

For corded or looped products, Shades by Matiss offers cord-tension / hold-down devices (chain tensioners) that anchor the chain or cord and keep it taut. These are available in standard finishes on request. Ask your account manager for the appropriate device for your product.

Compliance & more information

Our products and safety guidance follow the WCMA recommended safety standards. For the latest window-covering safety information, visit the Window Covering Safety Council at **windowcoverings.org**.

Questions about the safest option for your project? Contact us at (800) 493-2040 or info@shadesbymatiss.com and we will help you select cordless or motorized solutions.