

# Pointers For Parents

## Decorating With A View To Window Area Safety

(NAPSA)—When designing your child's room, safety is always a consideration. Remember to pay attention to how you decorate window areas.

### Safer Windows

The Window Covering Safety Council recommends using cordless window treatments in all homes where children are present.

Because cords pose a potential strangulation hazard to small children and pets, cordless treatments like shutters, motorized roller shades, and cordless cellular shades are recommended for homes where small children are present because they increase safety by eliminating cords.

The experts at independently owned and operated Budget Blinds franchises can explain all the features of each window covering and make recommendations to you so that you can make an informed decision about your window coverings purchase.

### Furniture Placement

While nothing replaces the watchful eye of a loving parent or caregiver, there are precautions that can be taken to reduce the risk of injury around window areas. In addition to choosing cordless window treatments for their child's room, parents should also be mindful of where furniture is placed within the room.

Moving furniture, such as cribs, changing tables, toy chests and chairs, away from the window area prevents access to window coverings. Additionally, it minimizes the risk of accidentally falling from the window should the child crawl off the furniture from the wrong side. Lastly, in the event that the glass breaks, positioning furniture away from the



**When deciding on a window treatment for your child's room, consider safety. Opt for cordless treatments like these cordless cellular shades.**

window reduces the risk of injury from broken glass.

### Additional Safety Tips

If you are in a living situation where you cannot install cordless window treatments, be sure to secure dangling operation cords out of reach with cord cleats, which are readily available and inexpensive to purchase.

If your window treatment has a continuous cord loop, make certain that the cord is properly held in a cord tensioner that is fastened securely to the wall. Some cord tensioners, like those found on Budget Blinds' Signature Series products, will not permit the window treatment to be operated if the cord tensioner is not fastened to the wall.

These tips, along with placing furniture away from window areas to prevent access, will make your home a safer place for little ones.

### For More Information

For more information and window treatment safety tips, visit [www.budgetblinds.com/safety](http://www.budgetblinds.com/safety) or call (800) 519-6298.