# Child Safety
## for your home



Vertical blinds outfitted with the PermAssure® safety wand eliminate looped pull cords completely, replacing them with a wand that remains safely out of a toddler's reach. Hunter Douglas vertical blinds also add energy efficiency, privacy, and UV protection for furnishings.

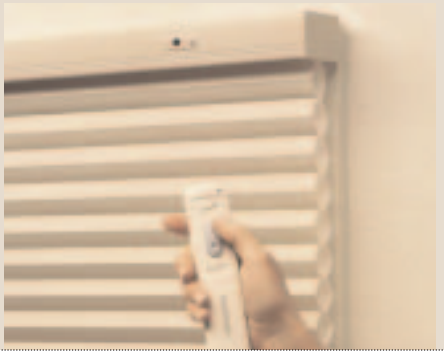


Preparing yourself for a **new baby** happens naturally; preparing your home takes more forethought. Check out these things you can do to help make sure your precious new addition sleeps safe and sound.

1. **Make sure baby's crib meets current safety standards.** You can see the current recommendations at the Consumer Product Safety Commission website. Just log on to www.cpsc.gov.
2. **Never place the crib near a window**.
3. **Outfit window blind cords with safety tassels** or consider using cordless window coverings to reduce the risk of strangulation.
4. **Install smoke alarms** outside every bedroom and on every floor; place a carbon monoxide detector in every sleeping area of your home.
5. **Test your home for lead-based paint** if it was built before 1978. If it tests positive, have the paint completely removed or covered with an approved sealant. Consult your local building inspection department for additional information.

## Going Up

Here's another way to eliminate cord hazards: Motorize your window coverings. The PowerRise® battery operated remote control system allows you to raise and lower shades at the touch of a button. In addition to their safety advantages, these battery-powered shades are especially helpful on high windows that are out of reach. The affordable PowerRise® remote control system is available on Duette® honeycomb shades, Silhouette® window shadings, and Brilliance® pleated shades.





## Break-Thru® Safety Tassel

Each year young children are injured or die in tragic accidents after being strangled in window blind cords. Hunter Douglas responded to safety concerns related to window covering cords with one of its most innovative solutions to such accidents: the Break-Thru® Safety Tassel. The safety tassel is designed to break open under pressure should a child or pet become entangled in the cord loop. It is a standard feature on all Hunter Douglas horizontal blinds.

Young **toddlers** are never still, and increased mobility brings new safety concerns. Your home is now your child's playground; here's how to help make every corner safer.

6 **Get down on your hands and knees** to get a child's-eye view of your home. Think about what might be tempting to a toddler and what's within reach.

7 **Place soft bumpers on corners and sharp edges** to help prevent injuries from falls around furniture or the fireplace.

8 **Move furniture away from windows.** Help prevent toddlers from reaching window covering cords or climbing onto a window ledge or sill from nearby furniture.

9 **Install toilet locks.** Because their weight is concentrated in the top of their bodies, it's easy for toddlers to topple in.

10 **Cover unused electrical outlets.**

11 **Keep floors clear** of buttons, marbles, beads, coins, and other small items.

12 **Place safety gates** at the top and bottom of every staircase.

13 **Install window guards.** Screens aren't strong enough to stop a fall; they are meant to keep insects out, not to keep children in. Look for quick-release features for easy emergency exits.

14 **Lock up household cleaners, medications, and vitamins.** Children often mistake medicines for candy; request child-resistant packaging.

## No More "Puddles"

When conventional window shades are raised, the cord creates a puddle on the floor that not only looks messy but is also a safety hazard for children and pets. Hunter Douglas Duette® with UltraGlide® shades provide a safer and tidier way to operate these traditional window treatments, whether the shade is up, down, or anywhere in between. A single, retractable cord remains at a constant length when the shade is not being operated, making it less accessible to young children.



Duette® with Ultraglide® shades feature a retractable-cord system that keeps the cord at the same length whether the shade is raised or lowered. This system makes cords less accessible to young children.



Country Woods® wood blinds with the LiteRise® Touch System offer enhanced safety, convenience, and complete light control. Ease of operation is a benefit for every member of the family.



Your **growing child** has endless energy, a soaring imagination, and unbridled curiosity. Help protect him or her with these new safety recommendations for preschool and young school-age children.

15 **Use doorstops and door holders** to help prevent injuries to little fingers.

16 **Secure area rugs** with foam backing, double-sided tape, or a rubber pad to prevent your child from slipping when running through the house.

17 **Keep windows closed when young children are present.** If you must open windows for ventilation, install locks that limit how far they can be opened.

18 **Plant shrubs or grass beneath windows.** The plantings will help to cushion a fall if, in spite of your best efforts, your child tumbles out a window.

19 **Put matches and lighters out of your child's reach;** children are fascinated by fire.

20 **Teach your child to clearly recite your address and phone number.** Children as young as 3 should be taught how to dial 911 in an emergency.

21 **Develop a fire-escape plan** that includes two ways out of each room in the house—a door and a window. Practice the plan at least twice a year. Designate an outside meeting place where all members of the household should gather after they've exited in an emergency.

22 **Keep window covering cords secured** out of reach with cord cleats. Make sure to properly install cordloop tensioner devices provided on many window coverings. Or outfit windows with cordless window covering products.

23 **Post emergency numbers** by all telephones in your home. Include numbers for your local poison control center, pediatrician, police and fire departments, and a trusted neighbor.



## At Your Fingertips

It couldn't be easier. All you need to raise a blind outfitted with the Hunter Douglas LiteRise® Touch System is the touch of a hand. The magic is on the inside. A hidden control system keeps the shade or blind in a constant state of balance. Simply touch the Easy Grip™ handle to raise and lower. It's a great safety enhancement for households with children and pets, plus it's a real advantage for those with limited hand dexterity. Available on Decor® mini blinds, Duette® honeycomb shades, Country Woods® Collection™ wood blinds, and Brilliance® pleated shades.



**Hunter Douglas** cares about your family's well-being. That's why we design products that not only beautify your windows, but also incorporate features for:

- enhanced safety
- ease of use
- durability

Of course, when it comes to preventing home accidents involving young children, there's no substitute for adult supervision. Inside you'll find 23 simple steps designed to help you keep your kids safe and sound—right where they live. For more information about these and other safety issues, consult the Consumer Products Safety Commission at www.cpsc.gov.

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