



Washington State Department of
Early Learning

New Washington State law about window blind cords

On July 22, 2007, a new law took effect that prohibits the use of window blinds or other window coverings with pull cords or inner cords that can form a loop and pose a strangulation risk for young children.

This new law applies to licensed family child care homes, child care centers and school-age centers.

Window blinds and other coverings that have been manufactured, or properly retrofitted, in a way that eliminates this potential hazard are allowable in licensed child care settings.

For information about window coverings and strangulation risks, and to learn about retrofitting existing window blinds and ordering a free retrofitting kit, visit:

- **The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**
<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/5114.pdf>
- **Window Covering Safety Council**
<http://www.windowcoverings.org>

Department of Early Learning licensors will be inspecting window blind cords during licensing visits for compliance. Thank you for protecting Washington's children! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your licensor.