

Department of Early Learning

10.1.6

Window Blind and Covering Procedure

Licensors must:

1. Inspect licensed areas and areas that are accessible to children in child care facilities for compliance with RCW 43.215.360 and when a family home WAC 170-296A-4300 at any licensing visit.
2. Require that window blinds or window coverings that do not meet this requirement are:
 - a. Permanently retrofitted; or
 - b. Pull cords are cut so that a loop is not present and inner cords cannot be pulled to form a loop or pose a risk of strangulation; or
 - c. Taken down immediately.
3. If a compliance agreement is issued, follow up with a site visit within 10 business days to verify compliance with this law, even if the window blind or covering is removed while licensor is on-site.
4. Document all licensee contact regarding window blinds and coverings in FamLink within five business days.

Definitions

Accessible to children: This includes areas of the facility and materials that children can easily get to on their own.