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Child safety products such as hooks, latches and rounded corners instantly make a home safer for children. They are quick and are easy to install, and usually quite inexpensive.

Securing high furniture



Children love to climb and sometimes they will climb where we do not want them to, such as onto bookcases, shelves and tall furniture.

Attach high furniture, cabinets and shelves to the wall securely. Safety products that help you do this, such as anti-topple devices, are commercially available.

Corner protectors



When small children are around, it is often safest to choose furniture with rounded edges, since sharp corners can do more damage during play or in case of a fall.

Cover hard corners with corner protectors. This is especially important on the underside of tables or surfaces, where corners are at a dangerous height for young children.

Door stops



A child's fingers can get caught in a door accidentally. Use safety door stops on doors to prevent the door from closing all the way.

Window and door catches



Children can fall out of windows or may want to climb out a window to see what is on the other side. To prevent this, install safety catches on windows and doors.

Safety gates



Use safety gates to keep small children inside a safe area where you can see them, and away from stairs and other dangerous areas of the home.

Child-resistant cabinets



For a curious mind, a closed door is an invitation to explore.

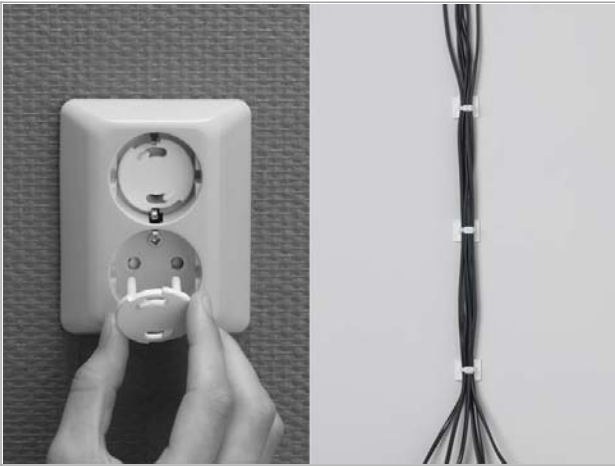
Use cabinets with locks and drawer and cabinet catches to keep dangerous objects, chemicals and medicines out of reach of children.

Drawer catches



Keep knives, scissors and other sharp objects out of the reach of children with a lock or a safety catch on the drawer.

Electrical hazards



If your wall sockets are not child-resistant, fit them with safety covers to help keep small fingers safely out of trouble.

If you have small children, always keep cables and cords out of the way by securing them to the wall so they do not come loose. Otherwise, they can be a tripping hazard.

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While small children are busy discovering the world around them, they do not always act the way adults would. Use your imagination and try to see things the way a child does, so that you can keep one step ahead and create a safer environment.

Small objects



Very small children explore their world by tasting things, so they put everything possible into their mouths. This is why it is essential to keep anything dangerous or poisonous out of their reach, and to protect them from small things they could swallow or choke on.

This includes toys, hobby and office supplies, as well as loose buttons and beads on home furnishings.

Plastic bags



Plastic bags are common everyday items, and we seem to have more and more of them in our homes. Whether they are shopping bags, garbage bags or dry cleaning bags, all are suffocation hazards for children.

Keep this in mind when you decide where to store plastic bags - for safety's sake they should be kept out of child's reach, preferably in lockable storage or high up in a cabinet.

Loose cords



Children do not always pay attention to their surroundings when they are running or playing, so they can get hung up in loose cords on curtains and blinds.

Make sure that all the cords in the home are short so they do not get in children's way, or securely wound around a hook or pin out of their reach.

Safe lamps



Pay special attention to lighting in a child's room and wherever children play.

Choose lamps that are child-safe, with no hot, exposed bulbs. For even more safety against burns, use low-energy bulbs, which do not get as hot as other bulbs.

Use lamps that are stable and solid, so they will not topple easily. For example, avoid using floor lamps and bedside table lamps in children's rooms. They are too easy to knock down.

Reading lamps for children



Use lamps that are attached securely to the wall. Do not use lamps with a clamp in children's room. It does not take a lot for clamps to loosen, fall off and, when they are lit, catch fire.

Avoid halogen lamps, including spotlights, in children's rooms, since the bulbs in these lamps can get extremely hot and will burn the skin if a child or an adult touches it.

Candles



People of all ages seem to be fascinated by fire, perhaps children even more so, especially when they are small.

Keep children safe from open flames or candles. If you light candles, place them out of the reach of children, and never leave children unattended near lit candles or matches.

Mirrors



Children learn about their bodies and themselves by looking in the mirror, but like any other glass object, glass mirrors can break.

When you hang mirrors at child height, consider using plastic mirrors instead of glass. Whether they are plastic or glass, the mirrors must be attached to the wall securely and should have rounded edges.

ROMAN- AND ROLLER BLIND SAFETY INFORMATION

Please follow the warnings below carefully. Check that any window coverings already installed were done so in a safe manner and in accordance with the warnings.

ASSEMBLY

Follow the assembly instructions carefully. Always fit safety devices provided. Wall fixings not supplied. Use wall fixings suitable for the walls in your home. For advice on suitable fixings contact your local hardware store.

1. ALL WINDOW COVERINGS

WARNING

Young children can strangle in pull cords and bead chains, and cords that run through window coverings. They can also wrap cords around their necks. To avoid strangulation and entanglement, keep cords and bead chains out of reach of young children. Also:

- 1) Install safety devices that remove the cord loop or reduce access to cords, and
- 2) Move cots and furniture away from window covering cords and bead chains.

2. ROLLER BLINDS AND ROMAN SHADES

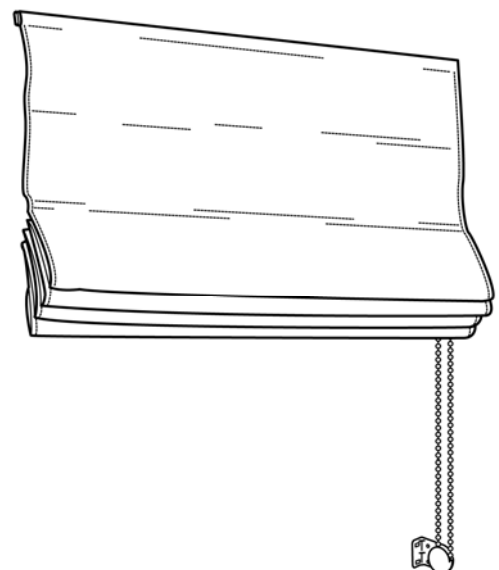
IKEA window coverings are supplied with safety devices designed to minimize the risk of strangulation or entanglement in pull cords and bead chains.

a) Tension device on Roller blinds and Roman shades with bead chains

WARNING

Young children can STRANGLE in bead chain loops. Always keep bead chains out of children's reach.

- Move cribs, playpens, and other furniture away from bead chains. Children can climb furniture to get to bead chains.
- The tension device reduces the hazards of strangulation or entrapment by limiting access to the bead chain.
- Anchor the tension device to the wall so young children cannot pull the bead chain around their necks.



b) Cleats and cord stops on Roman shades with individual operating cords

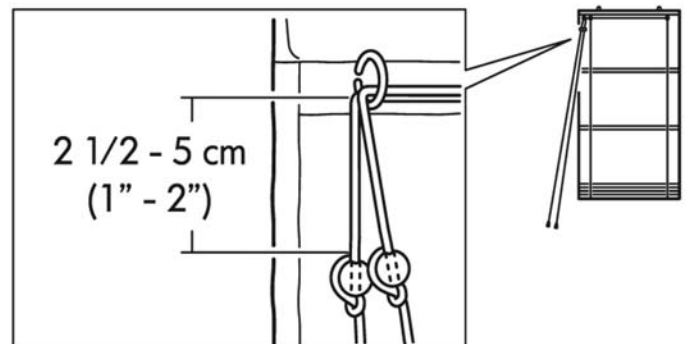
WARNING

Young children can wrap cords around their necks and STRANGLE. Always keep cords out of children's reach.

- Mount cleat provided at a sufficient height, so as to keep cords out of reach of young children. Cords must be fully wrapped around the cleat at all times.
- Move cribs, playpens, and other furniture away from cords and bead chains. Children can climb furniture to get to cords.
- Do not tie cords together. Make sure cords do not twist together and create a loop.

Inner cords on the reverse of the shades can pull out to form a loop, which can strangle a young child.

- Inner cord stop devices can reduce this risk if positioned correctly on the pull cords.
- Always ensure that inner cord stop devices are within 2" (50 mm) of head rail when blind is in the fully lowered position.



IKEA recommends that you install only cordless window coverings in young children's bedrooms and sleeping areas.

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Bedroom lamps



Do not use lamps that clamp onto things over the bed, rather than attach securely. Clamp lamps can easily loosen, fall off and, when they are lit, catch fire.

Halogen lamps that are screwed to the wall are safe for adults to use if they are at a safe distance.

Low-energy bulbs are cooler and safer than incandescent or halogen lamps. It is also safe to use a lamp that has a cover over the bulb.

Night lights



Children who are afraid of the dark sometimes feel more secure with a night light. Even when the reading lamp is turned off, the room is not completely dark.