



SUNSTATE
PROPERTY COMPLIANCE



Fact Sheet

Corded Window Furnishings

Legislation

The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission ("ACCC") identified a major hazard with loop cord systems as young children face a risk of strangulation. As a result the ACCC issued Mandatory Standards known as The Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard – Corded Internal Window Coverings) Regulations 2010 ("The Trade Practices Mandatory Safety Standards") which regulate the design, construction and labelling of corded window furnishings.

From 1 July 2011 all suppliers, including lessors, must comply with The Trade Practices Mandatory Safety Standards in relation to any corded window covering such as Vertical, Venetian, Holland and Roman Blinds and Curtains (including pencil pleat "ready mades" and pencil pleat tape) and any fitting containing cords, such as Curtain Rods and Tracks.

Landlords and Property Managers

Both Landlords and Property Managers are responsible for ensuring that the property and the products they provide work effectively and safely and that products come with instructions and safety information where necessary. This includes window coverings with cords. Landlords and Property Managers have a duty of care to tenants as well as anyone the tenant invites into the property, and must ensure the property is safe to live in.

As an Agent for the Landlord, you may expose yourself and your Landlord to claims from Tenants arising from the supply of goods that breach mandatory safety standards.

Failing to advise your Owners to take simple steps to remove or reduce the risk of harm may expose you to litigation should an injury occur.

What you need to do?

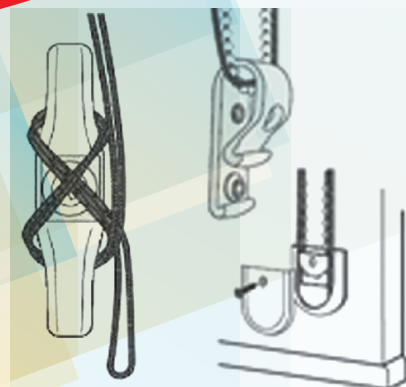
- ▶ Ensure that any looped cords lower than 1600mm from the ground are secured with a cord tensioner and / or cord safe. Once this is done make sure that a loop of 220mm cannot be formed.
- ▶ Ensure window furnishing with single or multiple cords are retro fitted and adjusted so that they are no lower than 1600mm from the floor.
- ▶ Ensure cleats are installed higher than 1600mm from the floor so that loose cord can be secured.
- ▶ Ensure all window furnishing have an approved warning label fitted to the cord.
- ▶ Provide the Occupier with a product safety information and instruction sheet.
- ▶ Provide your Property Manager with a Certificate of Compliance to ensure their legal liability is met.
- ▶ Return to the property regularly to make sure all safety devices and warning tags are still installed and compliant with the mandatory safety standard.

How we can help

Our trained compliance inspectors will visit your property and identify any potential hazards in the cord systems of your window furnishings. They will then comply your property in line with the Trade Practices Mandatory Safety Standards.

We supply and install all cleats, tensioning devices, cord guards and warning labels on all window furnishings that can be retrofitted. If in the unlikely event that any window furnishing that cannot be brought up to The Mandatory Safety Standards we will advise you or your property manager.

In addition to this we will provide the Occupier with product safety information brochure and you or your property manager with a Certificate of Compliance.



Cleat

Cord Tensioners

Things don't stay the same

Let's face it things go missing get damaged or removed and you shouldn't have to pay for it.

If you are on one of our membership plans, when we re attend your property at the commencement of each new tenancy, or as requested by your Property Manager, we will check and ensure all safety devices are in good order and functional. We will also ensure that all warning labels are still attached and if there is a new tenant we will supply them with a new product safety information brochure. All this is included in your yearly membership.

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