



OUR COMMITMENT

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Window Covering Manufacturers Association (WCMA) implemented new safety standards on June 1, 2024, that eliminate most operational cords on window coverings further ensuring product safety in homes with children or pets.

At Hartmann&Forbes, we have always supported the effort to advance the safety of window coverings and, since our founding, have strictly adhered to the industry-established guidelines in each country we serve. Our high standards for both our product and personal integrity compel us to build products that meet or exceed the industry expectations, delivering the safest and most healthful window coverings possible.

Our SAFETY by DESIGN™ initiative was born from this commitment. We will continue to innovate new styles and systems that genuinely blend art and technology, creating not only the safest but also the most luxurious product on the market. With this dedication, we are providing the following product recommendations and guidelines for specifying a child, and pet-safe, shade.

SAFETY FEATURES FROM HARTMANN&FORBES SHADES

Tension Devices: Tension devices keep control loops taut by holding the operational cord or chain in place, preventing a large loop from being created. We ship this device in a manner that makes the system inoperable unless properly installed.

Automation: Our automated natural windowcoverings are the optimal choice for safety by eliminating the risk of control cord entanglements.

Roman Shade Shroud: A non-invasive cord that attaches to a shade's operational cords, preventing the cords from being drawn into a loop large enough to endanger children and pets.

CHILD SAFE SHADE – ROLLERFOLD

Awarded 2018 Best Product & Product of the Year by the WCMA, the Rollerfold style combines the aesthetic beauty of a roman-fold shade with the sleek performance and child safety features of a Roller Style shade. The Rollerfold eliminates shade-body operational cords yet mimics the look of a roman shade. Best for Kids™ Certified when automated.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Have any of your Roman Shades been recalled?

No, we craft our shades to meet or exceed the ANSI safety guidelines as prescribed by the WCMA.

My clients have children and/or pets, are Hartmann&Forbes roman shades safe to use?

When properly installed and operated, you can feel confident your shades are safe. However, proper and professional installation is critical.

What can I do to make sure my clients' shades are safe if they have children or pets?

As the designer on the project, you have the responsibility to have the shades installed by a professional installer, preserving the products' safety features. After installation, please consider the following:

- Verify that the installer left the warning labels on the product for the end user to remove and that they have received our Safety by Design booklet
- Verify that tension devices are installed correctly
- Verify that any cribs, beds or other furniture are placed away from windowcoverings as children can climb furniture to reach cords