



OUR COMMITMENT

In 2009, the Window Covering Manufacturers Association (WCMA), in conjunction with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), produced provisional guidelines for shade manufacturers to follow, ensuring safety in homes where children or pets are present.

As such, our Safety by Design™ initiative communicates that we are committed to meet or exceed these safety guidelines with our handcrafted windowcoverings. We design our product with safety in mind, continually striving to research and engineer new solutions and techniques to further improve shade safety. With this dedication, we are providing the following product recommendations and guidelines for you when specifying a child and pet safe shade.

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.

SAFETY FEATURES FROM HARTMANN&FORBES SHADES

Tension Devices: Tension devices are used to keep control loops taut by holding the operational cord or chain in place, ensuring a large loop cannot be 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.

Cord Cleats: This device helps shorten cords, keeping them out of the reach of children or small pets and keeps cords taut to ensure a large loop cannot be made.

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?

At Hartmann&Forbes, we are continuously advancing the safety of our windowcoverings. Since our founding, we have strictly adhered to the industry established guidelines. Our high standards compel us to build products that meet or exceed the industry expectations, delivering the safest windowcoverings possible. You can feel confident your shades are safe when properly installed and operated. 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 cord cleats or tension devices are installed correctly, and that cords are separated to avoid entanglement and out of the reach of children
- Verify that any cribs, beds or other furniture are placed away from windowcoverings as children can climb furniture to reach cords

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