Blind safety tips for families

- Fit a tensioner to chains or a cleat hook to tie blind cords up well out of young children’s reach and use it every time you open or close the blinds. New blinds will come with these included.

- Bear in mind that, as children develop, they can climb on furniture and other objects, and might reach higher than you think.

- Move cots, beds, highchairs and playpens away from looped blind cords and chains. If there’s space, try to move other furniture away from blind cords and chains too, as young children love to climb.

- Always consider blinds which contain no operating cords or chains in children’s bedrooms first. These are inherently safe and there are options for every blind style.

- Check all rooms of the house for looped blind cords or chains, especially rooms where children play, like the lounge.

- Make sure the cords on the back of Roman blinds are connected with a safety device that breaks away under pressure.

- Be mindful of blind cord safety in other places your children might visit and spend time like child minders, grandparents, friends and family, hotels and restaurants.