

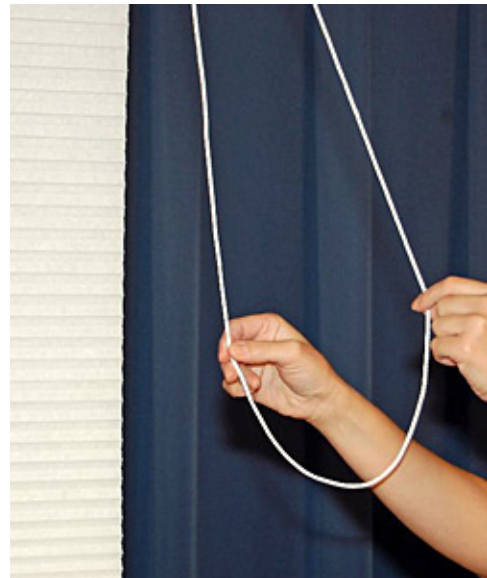


## Strangulation Prevention

Babies and children have been strangled by strings on clothing, cords, and infant furniture and accessories. Prevent strangulation by avoiding these sources and modifying certain items in your home:

### Drawstrings, Ribbons, and Cords

- Don't buy garments with drawstrings, which can catch on objects and strangle a child. Cut all drawstrings out of hoods, jackets, and waistbands in your child's wardrobe. Cut strings off mittens.
- Clip strings or ribbons off hanging mobiles and other crib toys.
- Strings on crib bumpers should be no longer than 6 inches.
- Always tie up window blind cords so they are out of your child's reach. Cut the cords so there is no loop at the bottom, then secure them with clothespins or specially designed cord clips.
- Don't let long telephone cords dangle to the floor.
- Resist the temptation to put necklaces or headbands on your baby.
- Never tie a pacifier around your baby's neck.
- Don't tether a pacifier to your baby's clothing with a ribbon or piece of string.
- Don't hang diaper bags or purses on cribs - a baby can become entangled in the straps or strings.



### Infant Furniture and Accessories

- Crib slats should be no more than 2 3/8 inches apart; anything wider can trap a child's head.
- Avoid cribs with cut-outs in the headboard or foot board.
- Never leave a child alone in a stroller; a child can slide down and trap his head.
- Don't use old accordion-style gates. These can trap a child's head.

