

Decorator's Notebook

Enclosed Blinds Eliminate Safety Hazards from Dangling Cords

(NAPS)—Exposed cords on doorglass coverings pose a strangulation danger to small children. In fact, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission rates dangling cords on blinds and shades, including those on glass doors, as one of the five leading home hazards.

This is why the independent Window Covering Safety Council (WCSC)—a coalition of U.S. manufacturers, importers and retailers of window coverings—urges homeowners to abandon traditional corded window and glass door treatments with newer, safer and more convenient cordless models. This important household improvement, says the WCSC, is especially critical to parents of young children. Government safety experts concur.

Retrofitting a household with cordless blinds and shades may seem like a daunting task, especially when it comes to dealing with large, heavy and expensive glass doors. According to one specialty manufacturer, however, retrofitting a glass door with cordless blinds is actually an easy task that can be tackled as a do-it-yourself project.

ODL, Inc., a leading supplier of decorative and clear doorglass and entry treatments, offers cordless, add-on blinds for steel and fiberglass doors that come pre-attached to a standard, fitted pane of doorglass in a variety of sizes. The add-on blinds for doors are lifted into place behind the existing doorglass and latched onto the framing.

Once installed, the blinds themselves are safely sandwiched



Easy to install add-on blinds offer enhanced household safety.

between two panes of doorglass, and without dangling cords, danger to youngsters is eliminated.

ODL also notes that the blinds, being fully enclosed, cannot swing free as the glass door is opened to strike nearby objects or cause annoying banging sounds.

While increased household safety is the major advantage of ODL's add-on blinds for glass doors, other benefits become apparent after installation. Energy efficiency is increased by the added glass panes' insulating properties. Convenience is enhanced since the add-on blinds and glass combination can be removed for easy cleaning. On glass doors without treatments, the addition of add-on blinds, says ODL, can provide privacy and light control.

For more information about ODL's add-on blinds for glass doors, visit www.odl.com/safe_blinds.