

# Decorator's Notebook

## Taking The Lead In Window Fashion Home Safety

(NAPSA)—When it comes to childproofing, many homeowners can now enjoy an expanded view of stylish and decorative ways to make their windows safer.

Whether open or closed, windows can be a potential hazard to the safety and well-being of small children. Here are some tips on childproofing your windows and more from Sally Morse, Director of Creative Services for Hunter Douglas Window Fashions:

- Keep cribs, furniture and other objects that can be climbed on away from windows and use window locks to lock “open” sash windows to a safe height, preventing them from being opened any further.

- Use window guards on all second- and third-story windows and those on upper floors of apartment buildings to prevent children from falling out.

- Install safety glass in large windows and French doors so they won't shatter, even if a child falls on them.

- Don't forget the window covering cords! According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Window Covering Safety Council, an estimated 194 children have died as a result of accidental strangulation from window covering cords since 1981.

Safety has always been a priority at Hunter Douglas. One of the most recent innovations is the LiteRise® Touch System, a cordless lift system that allows shades or blinds to be raised and lowered with the touch of a finger.

Available as an option on a variety of Hunter Douglas products, the LiteRise system offers important advantages that make it the preferred choice of many safety-conscious parents seeking this kind of system.

The system's window coverings are very easy to operate. With little effort, the shade or blind raises or lowers evenly to the desired height



**One of the safest choices for children's rooms are shades and blinds with cordless lift systems.**

and then holds that position, locking in automatically.

Worries about the window covering hanging at severe angles, if not raised exactly from the center, are eliminated. LiteRise is also designed to stack securely when the shade or blind is raised, with no drop back. What's more, LiteRise has greater size and weight capabilities than similar products, allowing its use on larger windows.

Other Hunter Douglas safety innovations include the patented UltraGlide® operating system for Duette® honeycomb shades, featuring a single retractable cord that draws back to the same length and limits access children have to the cord for enhanced safety.

PowerRise®, the cordless, wireless battery-powered remote control motorization system, is another choice for safety and a clean look at the window.

Hunter Douglas was the first to respond to window covering cord safety concerns with the introduction of the Break-Thru® Safety Tassel, a simple device that breaks apart lift cord loops under minimal pressure. It is standard on all of the company's horizontal blinds.

For more information, call 1-800-99-SAFETY (1-800-997-2389), 1-800-937-STYLE (1-800-937-7895) or visit [www.hunterdouglas.com](http://www.hunterdouglas.com).