

## **Child Safety Policy**

Effective 1st October 2026

### **Our commitment to safer window coverings**

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At Lahood, child safety is an important part of how we design, supply and install window furnishings. In anticipation of the upcoming New Zealand standards for corded window coverings, we are strengthening our processes so that child-safety measures are considered at every stage, from consultation through to installation.

From 1st October, this means:

- Customer will have the option for Roman blinds to be fitted with **quick-release breakaway safety clips** on the vertical lifting cords at the rear of the blind.
- All Lahood corded or chained window coverings will be supplied at installation with a child safety device, giving the option to secure the cord or chain to the wall or substrate.

### **At the consultation stage**

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#### **Roman blind breakaway clips**

Our consultants will show the customer the breakaway clip and demonstrate how it works in comparison with a normal clip. The breakaway clip is designed to release quickly if a child becomes entangled in the cords. The customer will then be asked to confirm whether they would like breakaway clips.

#### **Cord and chain safety tensioners**

Our consultants will show the customer the child safety tensioner, explain why we recommend it, and show where it would be installed. The customer will then be asked to confirm whether they agree to have it installed.

Consultants will also consider the position of furniture in relation to the window covering, and advise where beds, cots, sofas, chairs or other furniture may bring cords or chains within a child's reach, creating a potential safety risk.

### **At the installation stage**

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Roman blinds and corded/ chain blinds will be installed with or without the child safety measures depending on what was agreed at the consultation stage.

**Where possible, Lahood recommends motorised or automated blinds to eliminate the risk posed by cords and chains on window coverings.**