

Incidents Involving Children & Window Cords on Military Bases

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STATE	CITY	AGE	GENDER	SUMMARY
NC	Camp Lejeune	2.5 years	M	Child gained access to cord in his bedroom placed it around his neck and was hung briefly. No serious injury but ligiture mark around the neck. Parents rent off post from Century 21. Blinds look Pre-1995.
TN	Clarksville	3 years	F	Child reached the one corded operational blind from the couch and wrapped it around her neck. She fell off the couch and strangled.
NC	Camp Lejeune	3 years	F	Child gained access to window cord placed it around her neck and strangled. Mother found child, called 911. She was revived and driving to hospital where she remained for 2 months. Child has brain damage.
IL	North Chicago	18 months	M	Boy was found in crib with loop around his neck.
VA	Norfolk	3 years	M	Tie down device broke.
HI	Wahiawa	3 years	M	Child opened window covering by standing on his bed frame. He strangled on the loops above the Cord Connector. Military housing.
VA	Yorktown	3 years	M	3-year old male found by mother, unresponsive and hanging from loop part of single outer cord of window blind in victim's room. Victim was playing in his room when mother last saw him prior to taking a shower (<30 minutes). Victim transported to ER, died 2 days later.

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TX	Fort Bliss	4 years	F	4-year old girl was left unattended to watch TV. She climbed up on couch next to window with pulled up mini-blind to look outside, something she always did. Mother found her sitting on arm of couch with mini-blind cord wrapped around her neck. It appears she was playing with pull cord, got entangled in it and accidentally strangled herself. Cord was twisted and wrpped ontime around victim's neck. DOA. Window blind in up position, with locks of cord hanging down. Military housing; single-family dwelling. Three months earlier mother had seen child playing with cord, took it away and tucked it up out of reach, and put daughter in "time out." Victim: 38 1/2", 43 lbs. Mini-blinds described as old. spin strangulation; 4-string nylon lift control cord, connected at bottom with 1 plastic tassel.
KS	Fort Leavenworth	3 years	M	3-year old boy wrapped venetian blind cord around his neck. He suffered a red mark around his throat. Child development cetner. Caregiver heard child running around school room screaming, released him without serious injury. Following this incident, all blinds werre removed from the facility.
TX	Forth Worth	3 years	M	3-year old male suffered anoxia when he became tangled in pull cords of window blind over sliding glass door. Hospitalized, then released - no permanent injury. 7-year old sister found him, removed cord and administered CPR! Rental apartment - Mother had previously cut cord and made it two separate strings but apartment management had replaced it with another 2-part continuous cord with a single tassel. Warning or design fix: Parent had tried to fix, but management had replaced cord with original continuous loop.
MD	Andrews AFB	8 months	F	8-month old female was found in her crib near window, hanging with mini-blind cord wrapped around her neck. Died next day. Victim: 21 lbs., 28". Mini-blinds in closed position. Military housing. Also curtains.