

**Window Covering Incidents Related to Military or Low-Income Housing**

Time period: 1999 to present

Data Source: Reported Incidents to CPSC

CPSC staff searched the following databases for identification of window covering cord incidents: the Injury or Potential Injury Incident file (IPII), the Death Certificates file (DTHS), and the In-Depth Investigation file (INDP).

One incident location was identified by CPSC investigator as a low-income housing complex; one incident occurred in Guam, and the rest occurred either in military housing or within a military family in the United States.

Note that unless the investigator specifies the type of dwelling, we usually do not have a way of collecting information on low-income housing.

IDI#	State	City	Military or HUD	Date of Incident	Disposition	Narrative
010510CNE6334	NC	FAYETTEVILLE	Homeowner (grandmother) works at Fort Bragg	5/8/2001	Death	A boy, age 3, died after he became entangled with a window blind cord around his neck.
030421CCC2409	TX	EL PASO	Military housing	2/12/2003	Death	A girl, age 4, died after she became entangled with cords from mini blinds wrapped around her neck.
030311CWE5004	GUAM	DEDEDO	Father works for U.S. Air Force	3/4/2003	Death	A girl, age 3, died after she became entangled in a beaded chain of a vertical blind.
080310CCC1480	NC	CAMP LEJEUNE	Military housing	2/15/2008	Death	A girl, age 4, died after she became entangled in a beaded chain of a vertical blind.
081112HWE7844	HI	WAHIAWA	Military housing	4/8/2008	Death	A boy, age 3, died of strangulation. He was strangled within the loop of an operating cord for a window blind that was installed over his bedroom window in his home. The victim accessed the window cord by standing on the top of his bed, which was located adjacent to the window and the blinds.
090410CCC2531	GA	FORT BENNING	Military housing	4/8/2009	Treated and Released	A 5-year-old girl climbed up on the headboard & lifted the blinds, which made the cord longer and wrapped it around her neck but then slipped off the headboard. She was found entangled by her mother, who lifted her feet to the headboard and cut down the cord.
100708CWE2246	MT	GREAT FALLS	Low-income housing complex	6/6/2010	Death	A girl, age 3, died after becoming entangled in the operating cords of a mini blind, installed by their landlord. The window was located above a full-size mattress that the victim shared with her brother in an upstairs bedroom.
110601CNE0001	NC	CAMP LEJEUNE	Landlord, as well as the father, are in the military	3/3/2011	Brain Damage	A girl, age 3, strangled on a window blind. The child was in the hospital for more than a month and has significant brain damage.
120501CCC1644	NC	JACKSONVILLE	Father is an active duty Marine	4/12/2012	Near Miss	A boy, age 2, became caught in the cord of a 2" horizontal blind tilt cord. He was able to free himself, but the cord left him with a significant ligature mark on his neck.
140305CBB1435	MD	ROCKVILLE	Physician military father deployed at the time	4/10/2014	Death	A boy, age 2, was strangled by the inner cord of a Roman shade. The victim apparently climbed onto a chair beside a window in his bedroom and placed his head through an inner cord loop at the back of the shade.