

Child Safety

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Make it Safe

In 2009 the BBSA launched its 'Make it Safe' campaign to help educate the trade and the general public over the safe use of internal window blinds. Since then the BBSA has produced in excess of 1,600,000 brochures, a well respected video, along with posters and other resources.

New standards will affect you

Based on an EU Decision in 2011 the BBSA has been involved in the development of revised standards for the industry including two new test method standards.

These standards affect the way internal blinds are made, sold and installed.

Time to act is NOW!

The UK Government have said that the revised standards come into effect immediately they are published. So make sure you know what you need to do with the way you survey, manufacture, sell and install your products now.



Annual subscription

BBSA 'Make it Safe' dealer category	Number of Employees	BBSA 'Make it Safe' dealer price
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- Compliance pack covering new, mandatory regulations
- Licensed use of 'Make it Safe' logo
- A copy of the 'Make it Safe' video and the license to use this on your own website
- 100 free A5 full colour leaflets designed for use with consumers. Details the key blind safety options and offers consumer advice
- A free A2 showroom poster
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- Priority summaries on latest Government advice, regulation updates and press comments
- Ability to purchase approved swing tickets for use on blinds you make and install
- Free advice on all aspects of child safety in relation to internal blinds

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2014 legal requirements for internal window blinds

What to look for in new blinds and how to make existing blinds safer - this booklet will tell you

For your home, you must consider the way they are

Safe by design >

A blind which is safe by design is one that is cordless or has concealed or removed cords. Typically these blinds are pushed or pulled into position. Motorised blinds also remove the need for operating cords. Window shutters and external blinds are other cordless styles of window dressing.

In-built safety systems >

In-built safety systems are those that are built into the product and do not require additional installation or operation in use. Some window sizes or shapes may not lend themselves to cordless window blinds or you specifically wish to co-ordinate with your existing blinds. If this is the case then choose a blind style with an in-built safety device, such as a chain break connector where the chain is designed separate under any undue pressure. Breakaway joints at the bottom of cords work in the same way. Be sure there are limitations on cord and chain lengths for in-built safety systems.

Separate safety systems >

Separate safety systems are those that require additional installation and/or operation in use. If cordless options or those with in-built safety devices are not suitable for your specific situation the only alternative is to use a blind with a separate safety device such as a tensioning system. Remember, always like a chair, make sure the device is securely fitted and always used. Note: Be sure there are limitations on cord and chain lengths for separate safety systems.

By Law: All internal blinds sold must comply with the 2014 standard

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We wish to become an accredited 'Make it Safe' dealer.

We comply with the child safety aspects of BS EN 13120:2009+A1:2014 and will comply with any revision of this standard as part of this accreditation.

We understand that this accreditation is to the 'Make it Safe' campaign only and does not confer membership of the BBSA or the right to use the BBSA logo.

We understand that there is an annual subscription to be a member of the Make it Safe Dealership scheme.

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We confirm that the total number of employees is correct and that we are an independent company.

This form will be accepted as your official order. On receipt we will send you an invoice for membership of the 'Make it Safe' campaign.

Payment must be made within 30 days of the invoice date although Dealership only commences when the invoice is settled in full.

Make it Safe - for your customers and your business!