



Nearly 1 Million Window Blinds Recalled for Strangulation Risk

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As reported in the [Chicago Tribune](#), nearly 1 million roller blinds and Roman shades sold by IKEA, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Hanover Direct were recalled this week because they pose a serious strangulation risk to small children. More detailed information is available from the [Consumer Products Safety Commission](#), but here are excerpts from the newspaper article:

The recall includes about 533,000 ISDANS, TUPPLUR and ENJE roller blinds manufactured in Taiwan and France and sold by IKEA Home Furnishings of Conshohocken, Pa. between July 2005 and July 2009.

IKEA previously recalled blinds in August, as well as in November 2008, following the death of a child. No incidents involving IKEA blinds were reported in this recall.

IKEA says owners of the blinds should check to make sure the tension device is properly installed. If not, they can call 888-966-4532 or visit an IKEA store for a free repair kit. The kits will be available the second week of November.

The recall also includes about 364,000 Chinese-made Dublin Energy Solution Roman shades imported by Louis Hornick & Co. Inc. of New York, N.Y., and sold exclusively by Bed Bath & Beyond between August 2007 and September 2009.

Two children became entangled in the inner cord of these shades. One, a 3-year-old boy, managed to free himself. The other, a 20-month-old boy, was rescued from the cord by his grandfather. Neither child received permanent injuries.

Blind owners should contact Louis Hornick & Co. at 800-517-3612 for a free repair kit, which will be available by the end of November.

The recall also includes about 90,000 Chinese-made faux suede Roman shades imported and sold by Hanover Direct Inc. of Weehawken, N.J. , which is also known as Domestications. The shades were sold through the company's Web site and catalog between January 2004 and December 2008.

A two-year-old boy was became tangled in the inner cord of these shades, and was freed by his parents without receiving permanent injuries.

For a free repair kit, call 800-524-0597.