

# Competition and Consumer (Corded Internal Window Coverings) Safety Standard 2014

*Competition and Consumer Act 2010*

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I, Bruce Billson, Minister for Small Business, make the following safety standard under subsection 104 (1) of the Australian Consumer Law, set out in Schedule 2 to the Competition and Consumer Act 2010.

(Dated) 20 March 2014

(Signature) Bruce Billson

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## 1. Name of safety standard

This safety standard is the *Competition and Consumer (Corded Internal Window Coverings) Safety Standard 2014*.

## 2. Commencement

This safety standard commences on 1 January 2015.

## 3. Purpose

This safety standard sets out mandatory installation requirements for corded internal window coverings.

## 4. Application

This safety standard applies to the installation of corded internal window coverings in domestic dwellings other than:

- (a) caravans; and
- (b) mobile homes; and
- (c) boats.

## 5. Definitions

In this safety standard:

*cleat* means a device that has a bar with arms around which a cord can be wound, and that can be attached to a wall or other structure.

*cord* means a rope, strap, string, chain, line or wire used to manipulate a corded internal window covering.

*corded internal window covering* means:

- (a) a window covering, such as a curtain or blind; or

(b) fittings used with a window covering, such as a traverse rod or track; that can be used inside a building and has a cord.

*cord guide* means a device designed to retract, tension or secure a cord.

*retail packaging* means the packaging in which a corded internal window covering is supplied when it is offered for retail sale.

## **6. Installation of corded internal window coverings**

(1) A corded internal window covering must be installed:

(a) in such a way that a loose cord cannot form a loop 220 mm or longer at less than 1,600 mm above floor level; and

(b) using any components specified in the installation instructions as necessary to meet requirements for cord safety.

(2) A corded internal window covering must also be installed in accordance with:

(a) the installation instructions on any retail packaging for the covering; and

(b) other information provided in the installation instructions about how to install the corded internal window covering for the purpose of ensuring that a loose cord cannot form a loop as described in paragraph (1) (a).

(3) No part of a cord guide may be installed lower than 1,600 mm above floor level unless:

(a) the cord guide will remain firmly attached to a wall or other structure specified in the installation instructions when subjected to a tension force of 70 N applied in any direction for 10 seconds; and

(b) the cord is sufficiently secured or tensioned to prevent the formation of a loop 220 mm or longer.

(4) A cleat used to secure a cord must be installed at least 1,600 mm above floor level.

## **7. Labelling requirements**

(1) A person installing a corded internal window covering must:

(a) attach a label to the corded window covering containing the name and contact details of the person or company responsible for the installation; and

(b) ensure that any warning label or swing tag supplied with the corded internal window covering remains attached to the cord.