

Maintenance & Safety Best Practices for Window Blinds



This checklist will help you keep your blinds clean and extend the life of the product as well as prevent accidents.

✓ **Choose the Right Material for Your Environment**

The environment you install your window coverings in is an important part of maintaining the material. Aluminum blinds and vinyl blinds hold up well and are best suited for spaces with children and pets. It's important to note that wood blinds are not suited for homes or buildings with a lot of humidity.

✓ **Keep Your Window Coverings Clean**

Since slats on blinds attract dirt and dust, they typically require more cleaning than other types of window coverings. Additionally, the wrong cleaning method or solution can damage them. For basic cleaning of wood, vinyl, or aluminum window treatments, a dry cloth can be used to dust the material. Vinyl and aluminum blinds can be cleaned more thoroughly with a solution made from dish soap and water or vinegar and water. After the window coverings have been cleaned, they can be wiped down with a dryer sheet. This will prevent dust from sticking to the blinds.

✓ **Avoid Harsh Chemicals & Cleaners**

Certain products should be avoided when cleaning window coverings. Strong detergents, alcohol wipes, and any alkaline solution should not be used as they remove protective layers on the material and can cause discoloration, warping, or other damage to your blinds.

✓ **Repair Broken Blinds**

Broken slats on a window covering will cause the blinds to rotate each time the window is opened or closed. This can lead to tearing on the material or damage on the string. To prevent further damage, window treatments should be repaired as soon as defects are noticed.

✓ **Play It Safe**

It's important to follow some basic safety precautions when installing blinds. For homes and other spaces with children, all furniture should be arranged away from windows to prevent climbing and hanging from the window coverings. Additionally, all window treatment cords should be tucked up into the top of the blinds and out of reach of small children. Cordless window coverings are also a great option for preventing accidents.

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