



# CHILD SAFETY

## GUIDENCED DOCUMENT

### Introduction

This guidance document has been compiled to assist you with the technical and legal requirements of the new Child Safety laws applicable in Europe under the new directive BS EN 13120.

The industry had been informed previously that the new child safety standards would be published at the end of March. We as many of you will have learnt recently that the standards were actually published by the British Standards Institute on February 28th 2014.

The standards are applicable to all homes, all public buildings and any other premises where babies and young children aged 0 - 42 months are likely to have access or be present.

There is normally a period of grace given with the introduction of new legislation, however BS EN 13120 is being monitored by UK Trading Standards. The advice issued from the Department for Business Innovation and Skills is "although a 6 month lead in period is not written in stone it is what is generally accepted, and any action by Trading Standards will be proportionate" – Trading Standards National Product Safety Focus Group have noted "whilst the group thought that a transitional period would be sensible it did not prescribe any duration for such a period."

The best advice from all parties including the British Blinds and Shutters Association is to be compliant with the new legislation as soon as possible.

We have tried to simplify this guide by providing you with a concise and accurate summary of what we as a supplier, and you as a retailer or blinds specialist will be required by law to implement.

Please read this document to ensure you are aware of the various aspects of the law relating to child safety and we are certain as trading partners together we will implement a much needed solution to risks caused by internal blinds in the home.



# Chain & Cord Lengths Mandated

	Fitting Guide	System	Non Integral Device	Non Tangle Tasells	Chain/Cord Length (Based on Fitting Height not Blind Drop)			Warning Tags Required					
					Fitting Height Known	Fitting Height Unknown Blind Drop Less than or equal to 2500mm	Fitting Height Unknown Blind Drop greater than 2500mm	General Warning Tag	Non-Integral Warning Tag	Packing Warning Tag	Accumulation Device Tag	Child Safety Instructions	
	Ref:												
<b>Roman Blinds</b>	Illumin8 Roman Blinds - Cord Lock System	001	Cords	Breakaway Consolidator/Cord Accumulator/Break Away Safety Clips	N/A	Floor To Cord > 1500mm	Max 1000mm	Blind Drop Less 1500mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Illumin8 Roman Blinds - Deluxe System	002	Side Chain (Continuous)	Tensioning Side Fix (Default) Face Fix Optional/ Break Away Safety Clips	N/A	Floor To Chain > 1500mm	Max 1000mm	Blind Drop Less 1500mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Illumin8 Roman Blinds - Cassette System 32 - Chain	003	Side Chain (Breakaway)	2 Breakaway Links 200mm Apart/Break Away Safety Clips	N/A	Floor To Chain > 600mm	Max 2/3 Of Blind Drop	Max 2/3 Of Blind Drop	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Roller Blinds</b>	Illumin8 Roller Blinds - 32mm Chain System	004	Side Chain (Breakaway)	2 Breakaway Links 200mm Apart	N/A	Floor To Chain > 600mm	Max 2/3 Of Blind Drop	Max 2/3 Of Blind Drop	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Illumin8 Roller Blinds - 45mm Chain System	004	Side Chain (Breakaway)	2 Breakaway Links 200mm Apart	N/A	Floor To Chain > 600mm	Max 2/3 Of Blind Drop	Max 2/3 Of Blind Drop	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Illumin8 Roller Blinds - Cassette System 32 - Chain	005	Side Chain (Breakaway)	2 Breakaway Links 200mm Apart	N/A	Floor To Chain > 600mm	Max 2/3 Of Blind Drop	Max 2/3 Of Blind Drop	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Illumin8 Roller Blinds - 32mm Spring System	006	Spring	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes
	Illumin8 Roller Blinds - 45mm Spring System	006	Spring	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes
	Illumin8 Roller Blinds - Cassette System 32 - Spring	014	Spring	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Duplex &amp; Sheer Horizon Blinds</b>	Illumin8 Duplex Blinds - Cassette System 32 - Chain	007	Side Chain (Continuous)	Tensioning Side Fix (Default) Face Fix Optional	N/A	Floor To Chain > 1500mm	Max 1000mm	Blind Drop Less 1500mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Illumin8 Duplex Blinds - Cassette System 32 - Spring	015	Spring	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes
	Illumin8 Sheer Horizon Blinds - Cassette System 32 - Chain	008	Side Chain (Breakaway)	2 Breakaway Links 200mm Apart	N/A	Floor To Chain > 600mm	Max 2/3 Of Blind Drop	Max 2/3 Of Blind Drop	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Illumin8 Sheer Horizon Blinds - Cassette System 32 - Spring	018	Spring	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes

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	Fitting Guide	System	Non Integral Device	Non Tangle Tasells	Chain/Cord Length (Based on Fitting Height not Blind Drop)			Warning Tags Required					
					Fitting Height Known	Fitting Height Unknown Blind Drop Less than or equal to 2500mm	Fitting Height Unknown Blind Drop greater than 2500mm	General Warning Tag	Non-Integral Warning Tag	Packing Warning Tag	Accumulation Device Tag	Child Safety Instructions	
<b>Vertical Blinds</b>	Illumin8 Vertical Blinds - Slimline Cord & Chain System	009	Side Chain (Continuous) & Cord	Tensioning Side Fix (Default) Face Fix Optional	N/A	Floor To Chain > 1500mm	Max 1000mm	Blind Drop Less 1500mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Illumin8 Vertical Blinds - Slimline Wand System	010	Wand Operated	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes
	Illumin8 Vertical Blinds - Vogue Cord & Chain System	009	Side Chain (Continuous) & Cord	Tensioning Side Fix (Default) Face Fix Optional	N/A	Floor To Chain > 1500mm	Max 1000mm	Blind Drop Less 1500mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Illumin8 Vertical Blinds - Vogue Wand System	010	Wand Operated	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Aluminium Venetian Blinds</b>	Illumin8 Aluminium Venetian Blind - 15mm System	011	Lift Cords & Wand Tilter	Breakaway Consolidator/Cord Accumulator	N/A	Floor To Cord > 1500mm	Max 1000mm	Blind Drop Less 1500mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Illumin8 Aluminium Venetian Blind - 25mm System	011	Lift Cords & Wand Tilter	Breakaway Consolidator/Cord Accumulator	N/A	Floor To Cord > 1500mm	Max 1000mm	Blind Drop Less 1500mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Illumin8 Aluminium Venetian Blind - 50mm System	012	Lift Cords & Cord Tilter	Breakaway Consolidator/Cord Accumulator	On Tilt Cords	Floor To Cord > 1500mm	Max 1000mm	Blind Drop Less 1500mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Wood, Faux Wood &amp; Wood Weave Blinds</b>	Illumin8 Wood Venetian Blinds - 50mm System (M2M)	013	Lift Cords & Cord Tilter	Breakaway Consolidator/Cord Accumulator	On Tilt Cords	Floor To Cord > 1500mm	Max 1000mm	Blind Drop Less 1500mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Illumin8 Customised Wood Blinds - 25/35/50mm System	019	Lift Cords & Cord Tilter	Breakaway Consolidator/Cord Accumulator	On Tilt Cords	Floor To Cord > 1500mm	Max 1000mm	Blind Drop Less 1500mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Illumin8 Faux Wood Blinds - 25/38/63mm System	020	Lift Cords & Cord Tilter	Breakaway Consolidator/Cord Accumulator	On Tilt Cords	Floor To Cord > 1500mm	Max 1000mm	Blind Drop Less 1500mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Illumin8 Wood Weave Blinds - Roman & Rollup System	016	Cords	Breakaway Consolidator/Cord Accumulator/Break Away Safety Clips	N/A	Floor To Cord > 1500mm	Max 1000mm	Blind Drop Less 1500mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Panel &amp; Motorised Blinds</b>	Illumin8 Panel Blinds - 3, 4 & 5 Track Wand System	017	Wand Operated	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes
	Illumin8 Motorised Blinds - Various	N/A	Electric	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes

## Documentation

To ensure your customer, whether it is a business or end user, understands that you have installed a blind that is child safe we would recommend that they agree and sign the form below. This should be retained in your files for future reference. These templates should be copied on to your letter headed paper.

**Note:** The satisfaction note differs based on end consumer or a business to business sale.

### Child Safety Compliance Acknowledgement (Business To Consumer)

I acknowledge and confirm that;

1. I am aware that my blind(s) contain a safety device which is designed to help to prevent accidental strangulation of young children
2. It has been explained to me how this safety device(s) work(s)
3. I have been given written instructions relating to the use of my blind(s)
4. The warning notices have been left on the blind(s)
5. To the extent that I have had opportunity to inspect and operate them, the blind(s) and safety device(s) work to my satisfaction.

Nothing in this Child Safety Compliance Acknowledgement shall affect my statutory rights as a consumer.

**Your name** (CAPITALS): .....

**Signature:**..... **Date:** .....

Customer unable (or unwilling) to sign this satisfaction note. However, I confirm that the blind(s) have been manufactured and installed in compliance with the child safety requirements of EN 13120.

**Your name** (CAPITALS): .....

**Signature:**..... **Date:** .....

### Child Safety Compliance Acknowledgement (Business to Business)

I acknowledge and confirm that;

1. I am aware that my blind(s) contain a safety device which is designed to help to prevent accidental strangulation of young children
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**Your name** (CAPITALS): .....

**Signature:**..... **Date:** .....

Customer unable (or unwilling) to sign this satisfaction note. However, I confirm that the blind(s) have been manufactured and installed in compliance with the child safety requirements of EN 13120.

**Your name** (CAPITALS): .....

**Signature:**..... **Date:** .....

## Point of Sale

Illumin8 by Ashley Wilde will provide you with information and leaflets that will outline the hazards of chains and cords and internal blinds that could prove dangerous if the appropriate measures to ensure child safety is not executed. This information should be displayed at the point of sale. It is the retailers responsibility to ensure such material is available for the consumer at the point of sale. Display blinds within the retail environment must be child safe and have the appropriate non integrals devices fitted and warning tags attached to ensure blinds displayed do not create a hazard for children 0-42 months old. Please contact the sales office if you require any safety devices or tags for existing displays.



## Summary

We trust this guidance document has been useful and it will help you understand the requirements of the new child safety regulations. As you can see the majority of the requirements will be delivered to you as standard as part of our compliance requirements as a manufacturer and supplier.

We hope you will use this document to train your staff and customers to educate them on child safety laws on internal blinds.

We would appreciate your feedback on this document and any suggestions on helping us make this more user friendly.

Kind Regards - Child SafetyTeam