

Our Statement on Child Safety

What is the child safety regulation?

The BS EN13120:2009 + A1:2014 is a regulation that sets out the standard for the performance of any internal blind which is being installed in residential areas, all areas open to the public and anywhere that children up to the age of 42 months could have access. Its two test method standards - BS EN16433:2014 and BS EN16434:2014 set out a minimum requirement for protection from strangulation hazards.

What shading systems does this regulation effect?

It applies to all internal window blinds which use an accumulation cord or chain, for instance chain/cord controlled rollers/verticals/venetians. Curtain tracks are not included in the regulation but we recommend that they are treated in exactly the same way as window blinds which are chain/cord controlled.

Our responsibility

Yewdale feels that a responsible attitude is what is expected and looked for from every blind system provider. Not only do Yewdale feel that compliance is required in meeting the legal obligation set out in BS EN13120, but we have a clear responsibility to exceed what is expected and required of us so that you are protected.

Our experience in this field

Yewdale feels with the knowledge it has gained over many years it is best placed to fully endorse the BS EN13120 legislation for Child Safety, and present it to our customers in simple, basic and understandable steps.

Safety not business!

Yewdale feels strongly that the BS EN13120 regulation should be adhered to for one important reason – child safety. Many in the industry do feel that persons/companies have seen this as an opportunity to profiteer from this legislation. It is important the trade is transparent and open, and is not seen to be profiteering from it.

Single source purchasing

Yewdale is clear that the BS EN13120 does not require within its standards that any component, system or assembly of components is purchased from a single source.

Are Yewdale products compliant?

Yes, Yewdale has embarked on a journey to ensure every YewdaleDefiant® and YewdaleVitesse® product is to be fully compliant, whether it is an individual component or a finished product, where applicable. Test certificates are available.

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How does it affect me?

I am a manufacturer - what action should I take?

Certification: Request test certificates from your system provider that demonstrate all safety devices are compliant, and obtain test certificates from a certification house for completed blinds to ensure you are manufacturing/packing correctly to BS EN13120 and its two test methods.

Manufacturing: It is helpful if you are able to obtain the fitting height of the blind:

If a chain break connector is being used: If the install height is known, the distance from the floor to the bottom of the cord/chain shall be at least 600mm. If the install height is not known, the cord length shall be less than or equal to 2/3 of the drop of the blind/track.

If a chain tidy is being used: If the install height is known, the distance from the floor to the bottom of the cord shall be at least 1500mm. If the install height is not known and the drop of the blind is less than or equal to 2500mm, the cord length shall be less than or equal to 1000mm. If the install height is not known and the drop of the blind is greater than 2500mm, the cord length shall be less than or equal to the blind drop less 1500mm.

Instructions: Include instructions with the blinds that inform the installer/end-user of the risks of child strangulation and how the blind/safety devices should be installed to be compliant with BS EN13120 and its two test methods.

Warning tags / labels: Include a warning tag on the blind cord/chain and a warning tag on the safety device, along with a safety label on the packaging.

Responsibility: You are responsible that all blinds are left in accordance with BS EN13120 and its two test methods.

I purchase made to measure blinds and tracks - what action should I take?

Certification: Obtain test certificates from your provider of goods that demonstrate all blinds/safety devices are compliant to BS EN13120 and its two test methods.

Measuring: If possible obtain fixing heights of all blind installations, to give to your manufacturer

Installing: Follow installation instructions and use/respect all safety devices and tags provided.

Responsibility: You are responsible that all blinds are left in accordance with BS EN13120 and its two test methods.

Assistance

If you have any further questions, need additional help or guidance then please send us an email to childsafety@yewdale.co.uk and customer service advisor will contact you to guide you through the whole process.

More information can be found on www.makeitsafe.org.uk.

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