

Advocacy Comments on CPSC’s Proposal to Establish Safety Standards for Custom Window Coverings

On January 7, 2022, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) published a proposed rule establishing safety standards for operating cords on custom window coverings. The proposed rule requires that custom window coverings be cordless or inaccessible.

On March 23, 2022, Advocacy filed the following comments on the rule. While child safety is paramount, CPSC should do more to consider reasonable modifications to the proposed rule that would ease the burden on small businesses while still meeting the Commission’s stated objectives. Advocacy made the following comments on the rule:

- CPSC should seek comment on and revise its Regulatory Flexibility Act analysis.
 - CPSC’s initial Regulatory Flexibility Act analysis relies on incomplete information. The Commission should publish an updated analysis for comment.
 - Advocacy encourages CPSC to consider alternatives that reduce the burden to small businesses while still meeting the stated objectives of increased child safety.
- CPSC should consider exceptions in situations where corded window coverings are a necessity, such as under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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