

Clothes Dryer Fire Safety Tips



A leading cause of dryer fires in the home is the **lack of dryer maintenance.**

Install **smoke** and **carbon monoxide** alarms on every storey of your home.

Test them every month.



How do I keep myself and my loved ones safe?

When Installing...

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a **qualified technician.**
- If you install your own dryer, **follow the manufacturer's instructions** before installing the dryer vent.



Always...

- **Follow the manufacturer's instructions** regarding the safe use of the dryer.
- **Inspect and clean the lint screen** after each load of laundry. The build-up of lint can lead to a fire. Regularly remove lint from ducts and exhaust vents.
- Regularly **inspect the outdoor vent** to ensure it is unobstructed.
- **Turn the dryer off** if you leave home or when you go to bed.
- Keep the area around the dryer **clear of items** that can burn.



For more information contact your **local fire department.**



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