

# Clothes Dryer Fire Safety



Did you know?

**You are at higher risk of having a clothes dryer fire if you don't clean your lint filter and dryer vents.**

**Follow these simple safety tips to prevent a clothes dryer fire in your home.**

- ▶ Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- ▶ Do not use the dryer without a lint filter. Clean the lint filter before and after each cycle.
- ▶ Do not forget to clean the back of the dryer where lint can build up.
- ▶ Check the venting system behind the dryer to make sure that it is not damaged, crushed or restricted.
- ▶ Make sure that the outdoor vent covering opens when the dryer is operating.



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