



PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM DRYER FIRES

Good Hands® advice from your local Allstate agent to help you be prepared and informed.

Did you know that laundry room clothes dryers are the cause of around 15,000* house fires across North America every year? The good news is these types of fires are fairly preventable when proper maintenance and safety precautions are followed.

FIVE QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

Allstate encourages you to take a moment to answer these five questions and see whether or not your clothes dryer could be a potential fire hazard:

1. Do your clothes take a long time to dry?
2. Is the outside of the dryer or your clothes hot to touch at the end of the cycle?
3. Is there humidity or heat built-up around the dryer?
4. Is the hood flap no longer opening properly?
5. Has a year passed since you last cleaned your dryer?

If you answered yes to any, or all of these questions your dryer could be at risk of fire.

✓ TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR HOME FROM DRYER FIRES

EVERY LOAD

- Clean the lint trap and never operate dryer with missing or damaged lint filter
- Don't overload dryer
- Don't leave the dryer running unattended
- Use caution when drying wool or fleece items as they shed plenty of lint
- Never dry fabrics that have been saturated by oils, gasoline or chemicals
- Don't put rubber coated or foam items in your dryer
- Keep the area around the dryer free of combustible items
- Make sure there's proper ventilation for dryers located in closets or enclosed rooms

EVERY MONTH

- Ensure exhaust duct is free of crimps and make sure it's not plugged with lint

EVERY YEAR

- Hire a professional to service your dryer

EXTRA TIPS

- Install a working fire alarm on every floor of your home to maximize time available to exit, should a fire occur

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