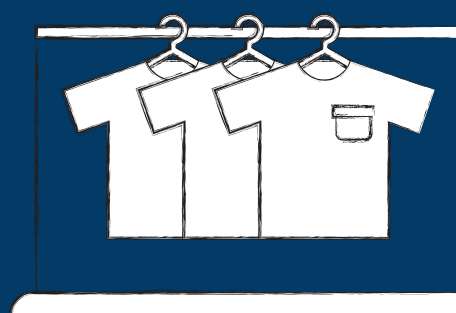


HOW TO PREVENT DRYER FIRES

Dryers are a leading cause of home fires. Here are some tips on preventing them in your home!



NEVER LEAVE LAUNDRY UNATTENDED

Be sure someone is home if there is laundry in the dryer. Never leave drying laundry unattended. Be sure the dryer is off before leaving the house or going to bed.



DON'T OVER-LOAD

Follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer when loading the dryer.

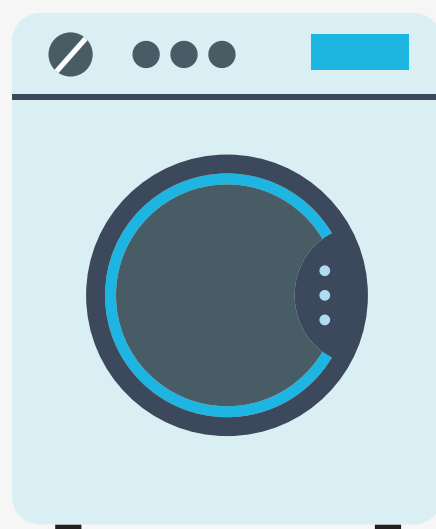
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CHECK THE VENTS AND LINT TRAP

Be sure to remove lint that has collected in the filter after each load of laundry, ensuring that no lint has collected around the drum.

You should also be sure to clean out the vent pipe located behind the dryer to make sure no lint has collected in there, as this could also be a fire hazard. Finally, don't use a dryer without the lint tray in place!



CHOOSE A METAL DRYER DUCT

Flexible ducts made of foil and/or plastic can collect lint and start to sag. Metal ducts are sturdier and more likely to contain any fire that did happen to start inside the duct.



SOURCES

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