



# CERT Monthly Safety Tip

## Clothes Dryer Fire Safety

Tumble dryers are a home appliance that many take for granted. They are a leading cause of house fires in the U.S., resulting in death, injury and millions of dollars in property damage.

You are at higher risk of having a clothes dryer fire if you don't clean your lint filter and dryer vents. Lint is highly flammable especially when it accumulates and gets close to the heating element. Follow these simple safety tips to help prevent a clothes dryer fire in your home.

- 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.
- Have your dryer vent professionally cleaned at least once a year.

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