

# **Are you doing annual maintenance on your dryer vents?**

Dryers are one of the leading causes of fires in homes, hotels and motels, and hospitals.

## **1. Clean the filter screen after each load.**

This will keep the vent clear. When accumulated lint clogs the vent, the dryer can overheat and a fire could result.

## **2. Stay home while the dryer is in use.**

Turn off the dryer before leaving the house.

## **3. Clean vents to outside.**

Twice a year you should clean the plastic hose pipe that vents to the outside. Use the vacuum cleaner to suck out accumulated dust and lint.

## **4. Vacuum the motor area.**

The dust and lint in the vent pipe can ignite if it gets hot enough. Vacuum the motor area if you can get to it. You may have to remove a panel to get at it.

## **5. Clean commercial dryer vents regularly.**

Commercial dryers get a lot of use and will have a common venting system. It is extremely important to have the vent systems cleaned regularly.

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