



# CLOTHES DRYER FIRES IN THE UNITED STATES

## ***Clothes Dryer Fire Statistics***

- Clothes dryers cause approximately 15,500 fires in the United States every year, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- These fires account for an average of 10 deaths and 310 injuries annually.
- They account for more than \$84.4 million in property damage each year.

## ***How to Prevent Dryer Fires***

- Clean the lint trap before and after drying each load of clothes.
- Clean the back of the dryer where lint can get trapped.
- The venting system should be cleaned by qualified service personnel to insure proper airflow.
- Replace plastic or vinyl exhaust hoses with metal venting.

*U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission web site:  
<http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PUBS/5022.html>*