

DON'T LET THINGS GET TOO HEATED IN THE LAUNDRY.

Keep your washing from getting hot under the collar.

Every year we support around 160 FMG Families affected by house fires.

As an advice-led insurer, we're committed to helping our clients avoid the potential disruption, emotional stress and the loss of treasured possessions that can result from a house fire.

Winter, rain and time can make it challenging to get the farm gear dry so if you're bringing the washing inside to dry, it's good to be aware of the risks that could cause a fire and damage your home and belongings.

Follow this useful checklist for some simple, actionable steps to keep your laundry routine from being too hot to handle.

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Did you know?

**LINT BUILD UP
IN A CLOTHES DRYER
— has caused —
THE COMPLETE
DESTRUCTION
OF A HOUSE**



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Laundry safety checklist

- ☐ Use your dryer properly and safely. This includes emptying the lint filter every time you use the dryer.
- ☐ Place drying racks at least a metre from heaters or fireplaces.
- ☐ Ensure good home ventilation to reduce moisture from your washing making your home damp.
- ☐ Choose clothing made from fibres that have lower fire risk – including nightwear for children, and teach them safety around heaters and open fires.



Prevent clothes dryer fires

Fires involving clothes dryers are mainly caused by lint ignition. To prevent these fires, clean dryer vents, ducts, and filters regularly. Here are some key guidelines:

Installing a dryer:

- ☐ Avoid models that start automatically if you have small children.
- ☐ Follow manufacturer's instructions for mounting or stacking or get it professionally installed.
- ☐ Ensure proper ventilation and correct plug connection.

Using your dryer:

- ☐ Clean the lint filter after each load.
- ☐ Don't overload the dryer.
- ☐ Check that items are dryer-safe (no plastic or rubber).
- ☐ Turn off the dryer when leaving the house or going to sleep.
- ☐ Keep the area around the dryer clear and well-ventilated.
- ☐ Use hot wash cycles for items with oil residues.
- ☐ Allow laundry to complete the cooling cycle in the dryer.
- ☐ Dry tea towels on a line if possible.
- ☐ Shake out laundry to cool and ventilate.



More advice worth listening to.

Keep you, your family and your property safe with our advice on how to reduce the risk of house fires.