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## 3 Tips to Prevent Dryer Fires

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Lint, that seemingly harmless fluff that you pick off your clothes, causes thousands of residential fires in the U.S. each year. Dryer venting can become clogged with the stuff, causing a dangerous buildup of heat and, too often, a fire. Here's how to prevent dryer fires:

1. Clean out dryer ducting at least yearly, from inside the dryer to the outside vent cap. You can do it by purchasing a [long brush](#) or a [cleaning kit with instructional DVD](#). RepairClinic also recommends [Lint Alert](#), which monitors for lint build-up and alerts you if there's a fire risk. Pay attention to drying time; if it's increasing, lint building up is likely the cause.
2. Immediately get rid of white vinyl venting. It's highly flammable and no longer meets code. Install an aluminum equivalent (available at hardware stores).
3. Clean your dryer's lint screen after every load, and



replace torn screens.

**Video** *shows additional tips about dryer maintenance.*

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