



Commercial Laundry Fire Risk

5 Top Tips to Reduce the Risk in Your Laundry

Fire in laundries, whilst rare, can have significant consequences. They are often caused due to flammable materials combining with heat, here are 5 top tips to reduce the risk in your laundry.

 **Complete the full cool-down cycle:** Always allow the tumble dryer to complete its full cool-down cycle. Do not remove items before this and pile together.

 **Clean the filter after every use:** Lint is flammable and lint build-up is a major cause of fire. Filters should be cleaned after every cycle.

 **Remove oils or chemicals before drying:** Wash fabrics soiled with oils using the highest temperature programmes and suitable chemicals, then ensure no oil remains before drying.

 **Keep exhaust vents clean:** Lint can build up in exhaust vents, and when combined with heat expelled it can lead to combustion. Vents should be inspected and cleaned regularly.

 **Maintain your machines:** Regular preventative maintenance helps remove lint build-up and checks for electrical faults. An Annual Gas Safety Inspection is required for gas dryers.