



HAZARD ALERT

CLOTHES DRYER LINT BUILD UP POSES FIRE RISK 6TH OCTOBER 2011

REFERENCE:

CSH&WSA Document No. 14 – Hazard Management Procedure

OBJECTIVE:

To ensure worksites are aware of the fire danger associated with lint build up, both inside and outside clothes dryers.

BACKGROUND:

A recent fire occurred as a result of lint build-up at the rear of clothes dryer.

PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:

- Conduct and document a risk assessment for clothes dryer (include: purchase, installation and use)
- Ensure adequate ventilation and access if vent is located at the rear of clothes dryer
- Develop a Safe Operating Procedure (SOP) for the use of clothes dryer to include cleaning of lint filter at each cycle
- Ensure all staff are aware and adhere to the SOP
- Maintain records of filter cleaning

FUTHER INFORMATION:

- Contact your OHS Consultant at Catholic Safety Health & Welfare SA (8210 9342) if you require further information and/or assistance.