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Dryer Vent Wizard Offers
Free Dryer Vent Safety Tools to Homeowners
For Dryer Vent Safety Awareness Month

For Immediate Release:

Riverside County, Ca. Feb. '08 **Dryer Vent Wizard, Dry Clothes, Safe Homes joins the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), in fire prevention awareness** efforts by sponsoring **Dryer Vent Safety Awareness Month in February**. DVW has developed a downloadable video; brochure & free dryer vent safety check kits that can be used by community groups to create awareness of dryer vent safety.

The video & brochure called **"Don't Let Your Dryer Start a Fire, Keep Your Home Safe & Sound,"** are part of DVW's ongoing campaign promoting dryer vent safety and fire prevention.

"We've found a huge lack of awareness among consumers who think it's normal for their dryer to take two to three cycles to dry one load of clothing and don't realize this is a dryer vent clog warning sign and fire hazard," says **Steve Gors**, Dryer Vent Wizard franchisee who is part of a nationwide chain of dryer vent cleaning, repair, replacement and alteration specialists in the U.S.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, dryer fires occur more often in winter months, account for an average of 15,600 fires with an approximate \$88 Million in property damage, 15 deaths and 400 injuries annually. "Failure to clean" was cited as the leading factor contributing to clothes dryer fires in residential buildings.

In joining efforts with the NFPA, Gors is providing the following advice to consumers to minimize the risk of dryer fires:

- Be sure that dryer vent systems are up to code with city, state and manufacturer.
- Replace any plastic or foil vent with semi-rigid or solid metal venting.
- Clean screen lint trays before and after drying a load.
- Wash lint screens with soap and water every few months to remove residue left behind by fabric softeners.
- Have dryer vents professionally cleaned and inspected annually.

- Don't keep combustibles like chemical cleaning products or chemical laden rags near dryers.
- Don't leave the house or go to bed with your dryer running.
- In cold weather, check outside vent cover to make sure it's not blocked or frozen shut.

Warning signs to look for:

- Clothes are taking more than one cycle to dry, especially jeans and towels.
- No lint visible on lint screen.
- Dryer repeatedly stops during a cycle.
- Clothes have moldy smell after dry cycle.
- Clothes are very hot after a dry cycle.

“Homeowners who follow these guidelines will keep their dryer functioning properly, prevent dryer fires and as a bonus see a decrease in their energy bills,” says Gors.

Free kits, brochures and video can be obtained by visiting www.dryerventwizard.com. For more information call 866 498 –SAFE (7233).



PREVENTING DRYER FIRES

A Dryer Vent Wizard Dry Clothes, Safe Homes technician points out the difference between the solid metal dryer venting and hazardous foil venting. Most consumers are unaware that foil and plastic dryer venting are unsafe and considered a fire hazard according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, U.S. Fire Administration and dryer manufacturers.