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**Free Dryer Vent Safety Check Kit Offered by Dryer Vent Wizard, a Nationwide Dryer Vent Cleaning Company**

*Proper installation and maintenance of dryer vent systems increase efficiency of clothes dryers to save money and prevent house fires*

**/24-7PressRelease/** - WARREN, MI, July 17, 2008 - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported over 15,000 fires annually, resulting in deaths, injuries and expense. When lint builds up in the dryer vent or in the exhaust duct, air flow is blocked, causing excessive heat build-up, eventually causing a fire. Dryer Vent Wizard advises that simply cleaning the lint filter is not enough to properly maintain the vent system.

Greg Longe and his partner, John Lynch franchise Dryer Vent Wizard, Dry Clothes, Safe Homes, a nationwide chain of dryer vent cleaning, repair, replacement and alteration specialists in the U.S. They advise consumers to be sure to have their dryer vent systems professionally cleaned each year, in addition to proper maintenance. Check outside to be sure the dryer vent is operating properly and exhaust air is escaping. If it is not, the vent is clogged and must be disconnected and cleaned, then reconnected before using the dryer again.

Proper installation, meeting city, state and manufacturer codes is also important for preventing dryer vent problems causing inefficiency in drying time and leading to house fires. Plastic or foil, accordion type ducting material should be replaced with rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct, as specified by most manufacturers, to provide maximum airflow. The flexible plastic or foil type duct can easily trap lint and is more susceptible to kinks or crushing which greatly reduces airflow.

Another very important point they make is to be sure to take care with clothes that have been soiled with volatile chemicals such as gasoline, cooking oils, cleaning agents or finishing oils and stains. Dryer Vent Wizard advises consumers to wash the clothing more than once to minimize the amount of chemicals and preferably, hang the clothes outdoors to dry. If using a dryer, use the lowest heat setting and a drying cycle that has a cool down period at the end of the cycle. In case any residue remains on the clothing, to prevent it from igniting, do not leave it in the dryer or in a laundry basket after it is dry.

Dryer Vent Wizard, Dry Clothes Safe Homes is a member of the National Fire Protection Association and the largest chain of dryer vent cleaning, repair, replacement and alteration specialists in the U.S. with nearly 50 franchisees in major markets in the U.S. They offer a free dryer vent safety check kit at [http://www.dryerventwizard.com/ventcheck\\_request.htm](http://www.dryerventwizard.com/ventcheck_request.htm)

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**About Dryer Vent Wizard**

Dryer Vent Wizard is a nationwide company, Dryer Vent Wizard professionally inspects and cleans clothing dryers for homeowners and in commercially-owned buildings. Poorly maintained dryer vents cause fire hazards and cost substantially more to operate. At Dryer Vent Wizard, we take pride that we are helping homeowners and apartment managers prevent dryer vent fires and other dryer vent hazards. At the same time,