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“Put a smoke detector in your laundry room.” Mike Lamb, Illinois licensed home inspector, #450.000333

This is a short heads-up on clothes drier fires. As an inspector I’m well aware of their dangers but this is from a personal perspective.

My daughter had an overnight at a friend’s house with a bunch of other girls and the house’s drier caught fire. Luckily, they had a smoke detector in their laundry room. The alarm sounded and everyone got out of the house safely. Without a smoke detector in the laundry room, this could have been tragic.

Here are a couple pictures I took of the drier.



FEMA cites, “failure to clean,” as the #1 source of clothes drier fires.

Consumer Reports also has some good info on the subject:

<http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/appliances/laundry-and-cleaning/clothes-dryers/truths-and-myths-of-dryer-fires/overview/index.htm>