Fires can happen if there is a build-up of lint in the dryer or the exhaust duct. Lint can block the flow of air, which can cause excessive heat build-up that may result in a fire.

Safety Tips:
- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that your dryer is connected properly.
- Make sure your dryer’s air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and that the outdoor vent flap opens when the dryer is operating.
- Follow the manufacturer’s operating instructions for your dryer.
- Keep the dryer area clear of all combustibles.
- Keep your dryer in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connections are intact and free of leaks.
- Replace coiled-wire foil or plastic venting with a rigid, non-ribbed metal duct which provides maximum air flow and reduces fire risk.

Things to Remember:
- Do not use a dryer that doesn’t have a lint filter.
- Clean the lint filter before or after drying each load of clothes.
- If clothing is still damp at the end of a typical drying cycle or if drying your clothes requires a longer time than normal, this may be a sign that the lint filter or exhaust duct is blocked.
- Be sure to clean behind the dryer, where lint can build up.
- Don’t dry items that have come into contact with anything flammable such as alcohol, cooking oils, or gasoline. Dry these items outdoors or in a well-ventilated area away from heat.
- Never overload your dryer.
- Turn your dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.
- If you plan to be away from home for a long period of time, unplug or disconnect your dryer.