

Overheating Dryer Safety Checklist

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Watch for These Warning Signs

1 Cabinet hot to the touch

A panel you cannot comfortably hold means the dryer is running hot.

2 Scorched-smelling laundry

Very hot clothes or a burnt odour signal an overheating drum.

3 Shutting off mid-cycle

A safety thermostat cutting power is the machine protecting itself.

4 Any burning smell

Stop, unplug, and do not run the dryer until the cause is found.

Safe Checks Before You Call

1 Unplug the dryer first

Never inspect anything with the machine powered on.

2 Clean the lint screen fully

Wash off the invisible film if you use dryer sheets.

3 Clear the exterior vent

Check the outside hood flap opens and blows air freely.

4 Leave gas and electrical to a pro

Thermostats, elements, and gas burners are technician work.

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