

Dryer Vent

Definition: A vent attached to a clothes dryer that is used to transport moisture, excess heat, lint, and, in some cases, carbon monoxide to a designated location.

Name dryer exhaust vent, air vent
Variants:

Most plastic, metal, rubber
Common
Materials:

Most flexible transition hose, metal or aluminum duct
Common
Components:

Location and Inspection of Dryer Vent

Abilities or Knowledge Needed:	- Visual acuity for location & inspection - Mobility for access to all areas of the property - Understanding of item components
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Tools for Location & Inspection	Useful:	reflection mirror, flashlight, measuring device
	Required:	none

Common Locations:	Unit/Inside:	laundry room, washer and dryer area in dwelling unit
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How to Locate:	Visual Observation:	Look behind the clothes dryer and observe the dryer vent and hosing location.
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Possible Deficiencies:	Deficiency 1:	Dryer vent is missing or detached
	Deficiency 2:	Dryer vent has a hole
	Deficiency 3:	Dryer vent has restricted airflow

Deficiency 1: Dryer vent is missing or detached

Rationale:	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Increases likelihood of injury from fire. Increases likelihood of injury from carbon monoxide.
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of the clothes dryer.

Health and Safety	Severe:	This is a life-threatening or severe health and safety issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.
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How to Inspect:	Visual Observation:	Look behind the clothes dryer and attempt to locate the dryer vent. If unable to locate dryer vent, look behind the clothes dryer and observe if there is an accumulation of dryer lint, which indicates that a dryer vent may be missing or detached
	Action:	Photograph the location of the missing or detached dryer vent.

Record deficiency if:	dryer vent is missing or detached.
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Deficiency 2: Dryer vent has a hole

Rationale:	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Increases likelihood of injury from fire. Increases likelihood of injury from carbon monoxide.
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of the clothes dryer.

Health and Safety	Severe:	This is a life-threatening or severe health and safety issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.
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How to Inspect:	Visual Observation:	Look at the dryer vent duct and look for any holes in the flexible metal or plastic duct. Look behind the clothes dryer for an accumulation of lint, which indicates that there may be a hole in the dryer vent.
	Action:	Photograph the hole in the dryer vent.

Record deficiency if:	there is a hole in the dryer vent.
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Deficiency 3: **Dryer vent has restricted airflow**

Rationale:	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	Increases likelihood of injury from fire. Increases likelihood of injury from carbon monoxide.
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of the clothes dryer.

Health and Safety:	Severe:	This is a life-threatening or severe health and safety issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.
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How to Inspect:	Visual Observation:	Look at the dryer vent and identify the flexible duct line. Look at the entire duct line that runs from the back of the clothes dryer into the wall. Look for any unintentionally designed kinks or bends in the duct. Unintentional bends of 90 degree or greater should be recorded as a deficiency.
	Action:	Photograph the location of the restricted airflow.
	Please Note:	For the purpose of this inspection, vent elbows that are designed to direct air at a 90-degree angle should not be recorded as a deficiency

Record deficiency if:	dryer vent has restricted airflow.
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