



# ORCA TALES



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### *Clothes Dryers:*

## ***A Potential Hazard to Your Complex***

According to a report from the National Fire Protection Association: “Clothes dryers were involved in and estimated 14,800 home structure\* fires, 16 civilian deaths, 309 civilian injuries and \$75.8 million in direct property damage annually during 1994-1998.”

\*\*\*“Homes” include one & two family dwellings, duplexes, manufactured homes, apartments, tenements, flats, townhouses and condominiums.” The above statistics do not include the potential of costly Litigation.

Good maintenance of your dryers can prevent these fires. Dryers vents need to be cleaned regularly and thoroughly as part of this maintenance.

As dryers in apartments are used regularly, build up of lint is constant throughout the year, not like soot in chimneys, which are only really used about half the year. As lint is very flammable and the dryer will run hotter the more clogged it gets; it is not unrealistic to have to clean dryer vents more often than chimneys.

A good guideline to follow is if the dryer seems to be taking longer to thoroughly dry the clothes than usual, this is a good indication that the vent is getting clogged and should be cleaned out before it gets to be too much of a hazard.

Also, dryer vents must be cleaned thoroughly to prevent lint being missed that can later cause faster lint build-up. It is best to have your vents cleaned by a Vent Cleaning Professional to ensure best results and safety.

Safeguard your apartments by ensuring your dryer vents are thoroughly and regularly cleaned.

### **Information obtained from OnSite Magazine**

Reference: The U.S Home Product Report. ... 2002NFPA, Quincy, Ma 02269

## News From Around the ‘Net

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~To obtain Mold and Mildew Information, go to [www.epa.gov/iaq/molds/moldguide.htm](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/molds/moldguide.htm)

~Never search for a phone number again, thanks too [Whitepages.com](http://Whitepages.com) or [Yellowpages.com](http://Yellowpages.com)

~The National Association of Home Builders co-sponsored a study on housing preferences of both baby boomers and seniors. “Baby Boomers Seniors Seek Maintenance Free Homes” [www.nahb.org/news\\_details.aspx?sectionID=148&newsID=378](http://www.nahb.org/news_details.aspx?sectionID=148&newsID=378)

~The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) launched a new Spanish-language Web site, <http://espanol.hud.gov>

~Learn the 15 Secrets of Guerilla Marketing in a neat Flash movie at <http://www.qmarketingcoach.com/Movie2.htm>

~Take a trip over to the National Swimming Pool Foundation’s website for keeping your watering hole sparkling. [Http://www.nspf.com](http://www.nspf.com)

~Put an end to annoying telemarketers by registering your home or business telephone number with the National Do Not Call Registry This is a completely free service run by the federal government. [Http://www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)

## ORCA WISDOM



*No matter what you’ve done for yourself or for humanity, if you can’t look back on having given love and attention to your own family, what have you really accomplished?*

*Lee Iacocca*

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Item	Condition Moving IN	Item	Condition Moving IN
<b>Living/Dining Room</b>		Bedroom 2	
Paint/Walls		Paint/Walls	
Ceiling		Ceiling	
Carpet/Floors		Carpet/Floors	
Windows		Closet	
Curtains		Light Fixtures	
Light Fixtures		Outlets	
Outlets		Windows	
Fireplace		Furniture	
Furniture			
Smoke Detectors			
<b>Kitchen</b>		<b>Bedroom 3</b>	
Refrigerator		Paint/Walls	
Oven		Ceiling	
Burners		Carpet/Floors	
Cabinets		Closet	
Paint/Walls		Light Fixtures	
Ceiling		Outlets	
Floors		Windows	
Light Fixtures		Furniture	
Outlets			
Sink/drain		<b>Bathroom</b>	
Garbage Diposal		Paint/Walls	
Dishwasher		Ceiling	
Counter Surfaces		Bathtub/Shower	
Fan		Faucets	
Windows		Sink	
Furniture		Toilet	
		Light Fixtures	
<b>Bedroom 1</b>		Outlets	
Paint/Walls		Carpets/Floor	
Ceiling		Windows	
Carpet/Floors		Fan	
Closet		Cabinets	
Light Fixtures		Counter Surface	
Outlets		Other	
Windows			
Furniture			
			Other Comments? Unusual odors, condition of outside, yard; not listed.

Moving In Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord: \_\_\_\_\_ Tenant(s): \_\_\_\_\_