

Prevent Bathroom Fan Fires!

*When your bathroom fan burns,
your home may catch fire!*

Dust, lint and debris accumulate in bathroom fans. An accumulation of dust, lint and other debris cause bathroom fans to seize and burn.

1. When a fan motor seizes or stops, and the switch is left on, the stopped motor continues to overheat.
2. Heat that is generated ignites lint and other debris inside the fan housing, causing a fire that will extend into the ceiling and adjacent areas above.

Things you can look for in each bathroom that cause bathroom fan fires:

1. Is there any build up of lint or debris on the cover or inside? See photos below for examples of fans that need cleaning.
2. Is the fan making unusual sounds or noise?
3. Has the fan stopped working?

What you can do:

1. When the fan is on, do you smell smoke or see any fire? If you do, turn the fan **OFF** and get everyone out!
From a safe location outside, immediately call the Fire Department at 911.
2. When the fan is on, does it make the typical “whirring” sound? If it does not, immediately turn the fan **OFF**. Do not continue to use it. Have the fan checked, as soon as possible, by an electrician or qualified service personnel.
3. Assure that all bathroom fans are cleaned once each year, or more frequently, as needed.
4. When the fan becomes noisy, turn it OFF, do not use it. Have it checked and replaced by an electrician or qualified service personnel.

A Dirty Fan



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