



Near Miss!



Date: February 2, 2023

Activity: Smoldering Towel in Dryer

What Happened:

On January 22, 2023, a galleyhand was going back and forth between two different laundry rooms (two different floors.) When the galleyhand returned to the lower laundry room, he opened the dryer and noticed smoke coming out. The galleyhand quickly removed a smoldering towel and placed it under running water in the sink.

Why it Happened:

It is really unknown as to why this towel began to smolder. The only conclusion is that the towel got caught on a section in the back of the dryer and it adhered to the heating vent. The towel later dislodged and reattached to the tumbler fin.



Typical Hazards/Causes:

- Fire caused by lack of maintenance.
- Fire caused by improper wiring.
- Fire by drying flammable material (ex. Oil soaked galley towel)
- Fire caused from the accumulation of lint.

Corrective Actions:

The incident was reported to the OIM.

A dryer checklist was populated as a reminder.

A new JSEA was created for laundering clothes.

Commercial dryer unit was taken out of service.