

Question. I recently purchased a new clothes dryer and the installer would not connect it to the existing plastic ductwork for safety reasons . . What do I need to connect the new dryer safely ?

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As a home inspector, something I frequently see is old, kinked, plastic dryer vent pipes. Manufacturers are now recommending that all **Vent pipes are made of metal**. Newer dryers create a higher heat that has been proven to cause fires and actually melt the plastic pipes. Metal ducting, the ridged type, is not only safer for all dryers; it will reduce the time it takes for your clothes to dry. The plastic pipe creates turbulence within the piping, as well as lint build-up which can ignite. This restricts the smooth flow of air which is needed for drying. So readers, check your dryer vent pipes and on a side note, "clean out that lint trap every time" !!!

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