

## **Washing Machine Safety**

It is important to check your washing machine hoses since they are one of the top five sources of preventable water damage in a home. By inspecting these hoses, homeowners can avoid thousands of dollars in damages.

When inspecting your washing machine:

- Check often for signs of leaks, bulging, or cracking in the hoses
- Allow at least four inches of space between the machine and wall to prevent the hose from excessive bending
- Choose a high-quality hose
- Shut off water supply when not in use
- Never leave the washer on while you are sleeping or out of the house.

By keeping these simple safety steps in mind, you may alleviate any future problems regarding your washing machine hoses. Contact your ERIE Agent with any questions or for other information about home appliance safety.

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