

## **Housing Channel**

### **Title: Home Safety - Laundry Drying**

Son: Mom, are you going to show me how to dry laundries? What is the stool for?

Mom: I can reach higher using the stool. It is more convenient.

Son: Mom, a smart lady like you should have known that it is very dangerous to stand on a stool for laundry drying.

Mom: This stool is just a few inches in height...

Son: You may still lose balance and fall, even out of the window ...

Mom: Gee, touch wood!

Son: I am not exaggerating. You have seen reports on accidents like this in the news. There is no point to take the risk?

Mom: You are absolutely right. I will never act so dangerously again!

Mom: Anyway, let's get back to laundry drying. It is not difficult, just a few points to note.

Mom: First, we have to wring the clothes out because sopping laundries are heavy and not easy to dry. Dripping affects other people and heavy clothes may burden the rack.

Also, we have to use appropriate laundry clips to secure the clothes on the rack;

If we use hangers, they also need to be secured by clips;

Or, we can use hangers that have a securing device to make sure both the hangers and clothes will not be blown away.

And, do not put mops, shoes or any other sundries on the laundry rack, as they may fall off and the consequences can be serious.

Do not erect add-on racks even if the space for laundry drying is not sufficient. The add-on racks may fall down or damage the laundry rack, which is very dangerous.

Son: Got it. Whenever the laundry rack is found rusty or loosen, we should inform the Estate Management Office promptly to arrange repair.

Mom: That's right.

Son: Look Mom, there are some rust spots on the laundry rack.

Mom: They are stains only. The laundry rack is an outdoor fixture; it will get dirty with time. But the stains can be easily cleaned with household cleaning products.

Son: Okay.

Mom: Don't stand there; go hanging your clothes, and then help setting the table. Your dad is coming back.

Son: Yes, mum!

**Captions:**

Don't hang excessively heavy or sopping laundries

Use appropriate laundry accessories to secure clothes and hangers

Don't put sundries on the laundry rack

Don't erect add-on racks for laundry drying