

# LEARNING FROM LOSSES

**LOCATION:**

Town home

**CAUSE OF LOSS:**

Fire caused by an electric hair straightener

**COST OF LOSS:**

\$263,000

**DETAILS OF LOSS:**

The insureds' daughter was the last to leave the home in the afternoon to go to work. When the insureds' arrived home later they noticed smoke coming from the windows. They went to neighbour's house and called the Fire Department. The dwelling and contents in the basement sustained heavy fire damage, while the remainder of the home sustained smoke and water damage. The Fire Commissioner investigated and determined the cause of the fire to be the hair straightener left on in a bedroom located in the basement.

**LESSONS LEARNED:**

When using electric curling irons, hair straighteners or other appliances that generate heat, be sure to unplug it after each use and place them in a secure position away from any flammable materials. **Never** leave your home without checking to make sure any irons, curling irons, etc. are unplugged and in a safe location.

