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October 2009 (Palm Springs, Calif) — *This is the third in a five part series of home safety from home inspectors to home owners. As the premier home inspection association in state, California Real Estate Inspection Association (CREIA) members are intimately familiar with safety hazards found every day during an inspection. Previously Fire Safety and Electrical Hazards, this month is Appliance Safety and Recalls, then will be followed by Pool Safety and finally Trip and Fall Hazards.*

Every day, CREIA inspectors act as advocates for consumers. By continuing education and keeping up with construction changes, inspection professionals sit on the cutting edge of safety for the general public and their own customers (*clients*). What inspectors **DO NOT DO** is keep up with all the updates on product recalls that can change from day to day. An attempt to “keep current” with every safety issue and recall as it occurs would not allow inspectors to actually perform inspections!

Every consumer can act as their own advocate for appliance safety and recalls by visiting the [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) website. That organization **DOES** keep up to date with any appliance safety issue and also tracks recalls from manufacturers. The following is a general appliance list that is detailed on the CPSC website:

General Appliances

Washing Machines (*includes*: washing machines without wringers or other dryers, wringer washing machines, washing machines with unheated spin dryers, washing machines (*not specified*), and washer-dryer combinations (*with one frame*))
 Dryers (*includes*: electric clothes dryers without washers, gas clothes dryers without washers, and clothes dryers (*not specified*))
 Floor Care Equipment (*includes*: vacuum cleaners, electric brooms, floor buffers, waxers, and rug shampooers)
 Water Heaters (*includes*: gas water heaters, electric water heaters (*excluding* immersion heaters), other water heaters, and water heaters (*not specified*))
 Automatic Doors (*includes*: automatic doors or door openers and automatic garage doors or door openers)
 Electric Blankets (*includes*: electric blankets or sheets)
 High Temperature Potential Appliances (*includes*: propane, LP, or butane gas tanks or fittings and incinerators)
 Miscellaneous Appliances (*includes*: mangle irons, sewing machines or accessories, water softeners or conditioners (*appliances*), and drinking fountains)

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CREIA requires its members to successfully pass a comprehensive written examination of property systems and complete 30 hours of continuing education each year. Members can accumulate credits through various sources of

education including monthly chapter meetings, conferences, and other approved activities. CREIA keeps records to ensure that members are complying with the requirements. Educational topics cover a variety of technical subjects including updates and advances affecting the profession of real estate inspection.

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