

House Fires & Heat Guns

Yet another house fire was apparently caused by heat gun paint removal in Newcastle, Maine, on Sept. 14, 2007, in a farm house with two centuries of history.

Senior Fire Investigator Daniel Young (State Fire Marshal's office) reports the fire cause was heat guns used by painters to remove paint.

"It ignited some paper in the eaves in the back side of the house," said Young. "The fire went through the wall into the attic, and some combustibles were ignited, and the fire spread down one wall between two studs." (as reported in The Lincoln County News, see the whole story with photos here:

<http://www.mainerlincolncountynews.com/index.cfm?ID=27549>)

It's always a shame when historic buildings catch on fire due to the use of heat guns for paint removal. Especially when there are effective alternatives, such as Steam Paint Removal, that will not catch a building on fire.

Resources:

See video of Steam Paint Removal:

<http://historichomeworks.com/hhw/video/spr-video.htm>

Get the full report on Steam Paint Removal:

<http://www.historichomeworks.com/hhw/reports/reports.htm#Steam>

Learn more on the latest developments in Steam Paint Removal here:

<http://historichomeworks.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=133>

Join the discussion on Paint Stripping and House Fires at the Forum:

<http://historichomeworks.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=482>

or at the next live online video conference:

<http://historichomeworks.com/hhw/conf/vidconf.htm>

Take care, work safe and keep in touch.

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