

SAFETY SENSE

Avoid These Common Household Blunders

(NAPSA)—Multitasking around the house when you're in a rush to leave could create a multitude of home hazards, according to the Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS), especially if using appliances or plumbing fixtures before you run out the door.



A toilet that doesn't stop running when you leave the home gives new meaning to the phrase "throwing money down the drain."

For example:

- A dishwasher or washing machine malfunction can flood your home with gallons of water in a matter of minutes.

- A toilet that overflows can result in thousands of dollars in damage. One that doesn't stop running gives new meaning to the phrase "throwing money down the drain."

- A stove, coffeepot or toaster that is accidentally left on can start a fire that could destroy your home.

For more information to help protect your home or business from disasters or more common causes of loss, visit the IBHS Web site at www.disastersafety.org.