

Chimney Fires

Fire Safety Advice



Your chimney must be kept clean to prevent fires and structural damage to your property. Clean chimneys can also help the environment by assisting the complete combustion of the fuel, reducing emissions into the atmosphere. Regular cleaning of your chimney or flue also eliminates the build up of soot and clears obstructions such as bird and animal nests, leaves and debris.

How often should you get your chimney cleaned?

Type of fuel				
Smokeless	Bituminous coal	Wood	Oil	Gas
At least once a year	At least once a year	Every 3 months when in use	At least once a year	At least once a year

Carbon Monoxide:

Make sure you are not at risk from carbon monoxide poisoning by only using qualified engineers to install and service your appliance. Fit a carbon monoxide detector and never block airbricks, vents or flues.

Fire Prevention:

- ✓ Don't use flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin to light your fire;
- ✓ Don't burn paper or rubbish;
- ✓ Never overload the fire with fuel;
- ✓ Go into the loft occasionally when the fire is alight to check for smoke from cracks, defective brickwork or mortar joints.

In the event of fire:

Call **999** and ask for the **Fire Service**

A smoke alarm is a warning device that detects smoke at the earliest stage of a fire. It gives you vital time to get out alive. If you do not already have smoke alarms, call:

0800 169 1234