

Understanding CHIMNEY FIRES



5,500

chimney fires

per year in England,
Wales and Scotland



82%

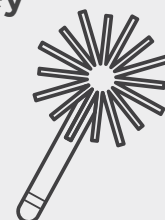
of chimney fires

are caused by blocked
chimneys

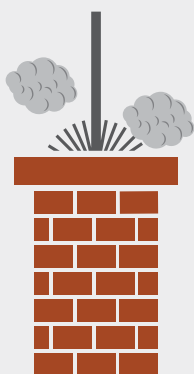


Most chimney
fires are
preventable

by regular
chimney
maintenance



5 TIPS FOR FIREPLACE SAFETY



Regular inspection and maintenance is paramount

Have your chimney inspected and
swept on a regular basis by an
approved chimney sweep

- **twice a year** when burning wood
- **once a year** when burning
smokeless fuels

Only use seasoned firewood



with
moisture
content
below

20%

Never leave a fire unattended

Extinguish
before
leaving the
house or
going to bed



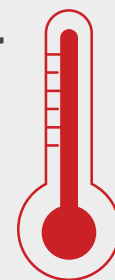
Install a smoke alarm

Make sure you
have a working
smoke alarm
and check it
works regularly



Use a stove thermometer

Install stovepipe
thermometers to
help monitor flue
temperatures and
adjust burning
practices as needed



We are supporting Chimney Fire Safety Week

to reduce instances of chimney fires through raising awareness of
safe chimney use, including the importance of ensuring that chimneys
are swept regularly, are clean and appropriate quality fuel is used.



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FIRE
SAFETY
WEEK**

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