

Useful contacts

Always use a registered chimney sweep

To find a professional, registered chimney sweep in your area go to:

www.guildofmasterchimneysweeps.co.uk

www.chimneyworks.co.uk

Alternatively look in your local directory for a HETAS approved chimney sweep

www.hetas.co.uk



For further information and advice on any aspect of fire safety in the home please contact our Community Safety department on:

Tel: 023 8062 6809

Email: community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk

You can also get information and advice from our website:

www.hantsfire.gov.uk/yoursafety

HETAS approved chimney sweeps are members of the:

- National Association of Chimney Sweeps (NACS)
- The Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps (GOMCS) or
- The Association of Professional and Independent Chimney Sweeps (APICS)



Reduce the risk of chimney fires



Follow these essential tips:

- ⚠ Sweep the chimney if it hasn't been used for some time
- ⚠ Then continue to sweep at three to six month intervals
- ⚠ Use a fireguard at all times
- ⚠ Sparkguards can prevent a serious property fire
- ⚠ Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house



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Maintenance and prevention tips

Only ever use thoroughly dried (seasoned) wood for fuel. If the wood is slightly damp the moisture will produce a build up of soot particles which may eventually catch fire

Burning paper or rubbish, or overloading the fire with fuel increases the risk of a chimney fire

Don't use flammable liquids, such as petrol or paraffin to light your fire

Regularly check for smoke from defective brickwork in the loft when the fire is alight



In the event of a chimney fire

- Get out!
- Stay out!
- Dial 999 and call the fire service out!

Smoke detectors

- Fit a smoke detector on every floor of your home, ideally in the hallway or landing ceilings
- Don't put a smoke detector in the kitchen where it can be set off accidentally
- Test the batteries once a week
- Long life smoke detectors are available

Safety tip



Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning can be caused by using any appliance fuelled by coal, smokeless fuels, wood, oil and gas that are not properly installed or regularly maintained.

In order to prevent the risk of this happening we recommend that you, install a carbon monoxide detector to alert you to the presence of this life threatening gas. Always follow the manufacturers instructions when fitting a carbon monoxide detector.

For more information: www.becarbonmonoxideaware.com

Remember!

Get your chimney swept every year before the winter and every three months when using wood for fuel



Remember: Test it, change it, replace it

