

Maintenance





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Thatch owner's challenge


Do you regularly sweep your chimney?

 Refer to your insurer's guidelines as they may vary.
As a general rule sweep twice a year.  See page 11



Yes

No



Do you burn seasoned wood?

 See page 6 and 16



Is your flue outlet less than 1.8m from the thatch ridge?

 Consult with your insurers.  See page 7



Have you ever had your chimney inspected?

 Refer to your insurance guidelines.  See page 16


Have you had your spark arrestor cleaned recently?

 It could be blocked by soot, tar, and nests.  See page 8


Do you have heat sensors fitted into the thatch at chimney level or stovepipe monitors?

 Consult your insurers.  See page 8 and 10


Do you check all tradespeople (painters/plumbers/electricians) have experience/understanding of the potential risk of fire in thatch?

 See page 14

Is your electrical wiring (internal/external light fittings) regularly checked by a qualified electrician?

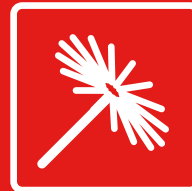
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Are all new installations of electrical wiring fitted by a qualified electrician?

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Was your wood burner installed by an approved engineer?

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Yes

No


Do you regularly check smoke detector batteries?

 See page 12

Do you use fireguards with open fires?

 Always use a fireguard no matter how small the fire and be able to secure it so it cannot be knocked over by falling logs

Do you have problems with pest control in your thatch?

 Contact your insurers or local council for advice

Now you have reviewed your property using the Thatch Owner's Challenge please use this space to record a list of any further actions you need to take.

 Things to do

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