



ECFRS- Chimney Safety

Is your chimney ready for winter? Now is the time to get yours swept before the colder weather arrives.

Most chimney fires are preventable. A clean chimney can help prevent fires and structural damage to your property. Regular inspections and cleaning of your chimney or flue will prevent the build-up of soot and clear any obstructions such as bird nests, leaves and debris.

Keep your family and home safe by following our chimney safety advice:

- **Have your chimney swept at least once a year, or more frequently if you burn wood**
- **Do not stack fires too high and remember to let them burn down well before you go to bed**
- **Use a fire or spark guard**
- **Do not place objects on or over the mantelpiece which may cause you to lean over the fire to reach them**
- **Inspect your chimney regularly - particularly in the roof space - to ensure that it is sound and that sparks or fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks**
- **Avoid burning soft woods as resin and soot builds up more quickly**
- **Buy suitable fuels. Using the wrong type of fuel on a liner will cause corrosion and reduce the life of the liner.**