



# Chimney Fire Prevention Tips

**SMOKE  
KILLS**

TEST YOUR  
SMOKE ALARM  
EVERY WEEK



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## Did you know that;

- Chimney fires can cause structural damage to your house, or the adjoining property.
- Sparks from Chimney fires can set fire to surrounding properties.
- Blocked Chimneys can result in fumes entering your home & can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

## When to clean the Chimney

- Coal burning fires – twice per year.
- Wood or Turf burning fires – at least twice per year.
- Oil fired appliances – once per year (if designed for sweeping)
- Gas fired appliances – once per year (if designed for sweeping)

## Fire Prevention

- Don't use flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin to light your fire.
- Don't burn paper or rubbish.
- Do not overload the fire with fuel.
- Use a spark-guard on open fires.
- Go into the attic occasionally when the fire is alight to check for smoke from cracks, defective brickwork or mortar joints.

## If you have a Chimney fire;

1. Dial 112 (or 999) and ask for the Fire Service.
2. Make sure your spark-guard is in position.
3. Move furniture & carpets away from the fire place.
4. Keep doors & windows to the room closed.
5. Bring everyone in the house to the ground floor & be ready to leave the house.