

Have you had your chimney swept recently?

A chimney fire can be dangerous and cause serious damage to your property

In the last two years there have been 349 fires in chimneys in Shropshire



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As the colder weather sets in, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service are urging anyone who wants to light their open fire or wood burner to make sure that they have swept their chimney.

A chimney fire can occur when debris from bird nests, soot or sap deposits inside the chimney. This is highly combustible and a fire in a chimney is extremely dangerous.

Avoid a chimney fire with these simple tips:

- Ensure that your chimney is maintained and swept regularly—at least once a year
- Use a fire / spark guard to protect against hot sparks
- Use the correct fuel don't burn rubbish or plastic
- Only use dry seasoned timber
- Ensure that the fire is out before going to bed
- Never use petrol or paraffin to light your fire

Finding a chimney sweep

You can find a chimney sweep in your area by contacting one of the following organisations:

The National Association of Chimney Sweeps

The Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps

The Association of Professional and Independent Chimney Sweeps

Make sure you have working smoke alarms and check they work weekly. For more fire safety advice or to book a home fire safety visit contact 01743 260 200.

