

## Clean chimneys do not catch fire.

Ensure a Guild of Master Sweeps certified chimney sweep inspects your solid fuel appliance, cleans the chimney and recommends repairs whenever needed. Your sweep may have other maintenance recommendations or helpful tips on the use of your fireplace or appliances. Guild Sweeps are highly trained and are conversant with the complexities of solid fuel heating and venting systems. Many Guild Sweeps are also able to advise on gas and oil

***Sweeping frequency:***

***Smokeless coals:***

***At least once a year***

***Wood:***

***Up to 4 times a year***

***Bitumous coal: Twice a year***

***Oil: Once a year***

***Gas: Once a year***

**Sweeping chimneys is now a quick, clean and modern process with very little disruption to you and your home.**

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## Unsuitable Terminals For live fires



These types of terminals are designed to give ventilation to unused chimneys only.

They are not allowed to be fitted to chimneys that have working gas, oil or solid fuel fires or boilers as they slow down the fumes trying to escape the chimney and could cause smoke and carbon monoxide to enter occupied rooms, yet because of their cost many uneducated builders or cowboys still fit them to live appliances. If you have one of these fitted to your chimney get it removed at once and DO NOT USE IT.

For more information visit

[www.guild-of-master-sweeps.co.uk/inserts.pdf](http://www.guild-of-master-sweeps.co.uk/inserts.pdf)

Your local professional chimney sweep is



be  
carbon  
monoxide  
aware



## DYING TO SAVE MONEY?

Many people fail to sweep their chimney or service appliances often enough. Either through neglect, not understanding the necessity or for financial reasons.

**OF ALL CARBON MONOXIDE DEATHS IN THE UK  
32% ARE SOLID FUEL RELATED  
37% ARE MAINS GAS RELATED.**

(statistics of deaths produced by kind permission of CO-Gas Safety)

# CARBON MONOXIDE KILLS

## Understanding the dangers

Carbon monoxide is a silent killer. In the UK 200 people needlessly die or become seriously ill due to carbon monoxide poisoning annually. There have been surveys that suggest that these numbers are only a fraction of actual incidents as many cases of carbon monoxide poisoning go undiagnosed. An annual safety check by a competent person could prevent the deaths of you and your loved ones.

### For solid fuel

GUILD OF MASTER SWEEPS  
registered chimney sweep

### For gas

C.O.R.G.I. registered engineer

### For oil

O.F.T.E.C registered engineer

### Fitting solid fuel appliances

H.E.T.A.S registered installer

The use of an unregistered sweep can be a dangerous affair, it is only through established trade organisations such as the **Guild of Master Sweeps** or N.A.C.S. that a customer can be sure that the job that they are paying for will be done correctly and that safety checks will have been made. A registered chimney sweep will also issue an approved certificate. The use of an unregistered person can result in a false sense of security which may have fatal consequences.

**IF THEY ARE NOT REGISTERED  
THEY ARE NOT WORTH THE RISK**

## What are the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning?

Many healthcare professionals do not recognise the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, as it is often confused with the flu.

### Carbon Monoxide symptoms include:

- Severe headaches
- Chest or stomach pains
- Drowsiness
- Nausea
- Dizziness
- General lethargy

If any of these symptoms are experienced, medical advice should be sought and heating appliances and flue ways should be checked immediately.

## Making your home safe

To ensure that your home remains safe, follow these simple steps:

- Your chimneys and flues must be swept annually. Do not use any appliances that are not functioning correctly or that you may be suspicious of, until a competent person has first assessed it for safety.
- Your gas appliances should be installed by a CORGI registered engineer and serviced annually.
- Install an audible carbon monoxide alarm and test it regularly.

**PREVENTION IS EVERYTHING, DEATH AND PERMANENT INJURYS ARE AVOIDABLE!**

More information about Carbon monoxide is available from these websites.

[www.guild-of-master-sweeps.co.uk](http://www.guild-of-master-sweeps.co.uk)

[www.co-gassafety.co.uk](http://www.co-gassafety.co.uk)

[www.becarbonmonoxideaware.com](http://www.becarbonmonoxideaware.com)

[www.trustcorgi.co.uk](http://www.trustcorgi.co.uk)

[www.hetas.co.uk](http://www.hetas.co.uk)



## CHIMNEY FIRES

UK fire statistics show that every year thousands of houses have chimney fires. This is due largely to infrequent sweeping, which results in a build up of flammable tar within the appliance or flue.

### Preventing chimney fires:

The primary causes of chimney fires are:

- Infrequent sweeping and cleaning
- Burning Unseasoned wet wood
- Improper Appliance sizing
- Overnight burning or smouldering wood for long periods in stoves

This is a picture of a chimney after a fire with creosote blocking the flue.



What do you do if you have a chimney fire

- Raise the alarm in the house to let others know
  - Dial 999 and Call the Fire Service
  - If you have a solid fuel/wood burning fire, extinguish it by gently splashing water onto it
  - Close any vents as much as possible
  - Move furniture and rugs away from the fireplace
  - Place a fire guard or spark guard in front of the fire
- Always call the Fire Service for a chimney fire it has the ability to destroy your home.**