



**FIRE & RESCUE
SERVICE**

**MOST CHIMNEY FIRES ARE PREVENTABLE,
DON'T LET SAVING MONEY
COST YOUR LIFE.**

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WEST MIDLANDS FIRE SERVICE

If you are considering opening a chimney that has been unused for a long time or thinking of using alternative fuel to warm your home, check through our list and stay safe.

- Have your Chimney swept at least once a year (twice if you are burning wood). Blocked chimneys cause toxic fumes to come back in to the room
- Good ventilation is vital, never block airbricks or vents,
- Do not use flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin to light the fire.
- Do not overload the fire with fuel.
- If young children live at the property ensure a fireguard is in front of the fire at all times,
- Sparkguards can prevent a serious property fire.
- Once the fire is lit, check the chimney for cracks, inside and out, defective brickwork or mortar joints may leak smoke.

If your chimney is on fire,

Get Out, Stay Out, Call the Fire Service Out.

To book a **free fire safety check in your home** by your local **firefighters**, freephone

0800 389 5525

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We take **your safety** seriously.