

SAFETY

Following these guidelines can help ensure that you and your family are less likely to be at risk of having a chimney fire.



Clean your chimney regularly, particularly if it is used frequently. Advice on this can be gained from your chimney sweep



Let fires burn down before going to bed




Use a fire guard to prevent sparks and embers starting a fire accidentally



More information about the safe use of multi fuel fires can be found by contacting the National Association of Chimney Sweeps (NACS) at www.nacs.org.uk

For further information about how Lancashire Fire and Rescue can help keep you safe in your home contact us now for a free home fire safety visit.

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SOLID FUEL FIRE SAFETY

Do you have an open fire or log burner?



Are you using it safely?

Fire safety advice for new and existing users of open fires and stoves.



CHIMNEY

Chimney fires in England have been increasing over recent years as has the popularity of the multi fuel fire.

Whether you have had an open fire for years or are new to them, here's some safety points to consider.



Avoid using soft woods, which can deposit resin on flue linings and start a chimney fire



Don't overload the fire grate or log burner



Avoid storing wood next to, or around log burners. The radiated heat could cause it to set on fire



OPEN FIRE OPTION

If you're new to open fires or are possibly thinking of having one installed. Here are a few points that can help you use it safely

- ✓ Get the chimney checked to ensure there are no cracks or loose mortar
- ✓ If you haven't used your chimney in a long time, get it swept to ensure there are no blockages.
- ✓ Ensure the hearth is free from cracks, so embers don't fall through and cause a fire
- ✓ Be aware of the need for adequate ventilation to prevent a build up of poisonous carbon monoxide.
- ✓ Always use a fire guard. It will prevent embers "jumping" out of the fire and keep animals and young children safe

- ✗ Avoid burning household rubbish as it can cause a build up of tar/soot in the chimney
- ✗ Never dry clothing on a fire guard or too close to a fire
- ✗ Only use suitable starter fuel to light your fire. Never use petrol or flammable spirits, use fire lighters instead



We strongly recommend that any household with a new or existing solid fuel fire has a carbon monoxide detector fitted



LOG BURNER OPTION

Are you new to log burners or thinking of having one installed? Here is some guidance to help you use your new stove safely

- ✓ Get the chimney swept and checked before use, it may require having a flue liner fitted
- ✓ Ensure the hearth is free from cracks, so embers don't fall through and cause a fire
- ✓ To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning ensure the door is airtight when closed and there is adequate ventilation in the room
- ✓ Always use a fire guard. It will prevent embers "jumping" out of the fire and keep animals and young children safe
- ✓ If there is an old back boiler get it checked or disconnected by a professional to ensure its safe to continue using the fire

- ✗ Don't stack wood next to the burner as radiated heat can set it alight
- ✗ Avoid burning household rubbish as it can cause a build up of tar/soot in the chimney
- ✗ Never dry clothing on a fire guard or too close to a fire



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