



Fireplace Safety

(NAPSA)—Protecting your family and home from chimney fires can be simple. The key is to keep the chimney clean.



Bright Burning—Regular chimney cleanings can help homeowners keep their fireplaces safe.

Smoke from wood fires condenses into a flammable, tar-like substance called creosote. If the creosote ignites, it can cause a raging fire that spreads through the chimney.

Experts recommend having your fireplace and chimney inspected and cleaned once a year. You can also burn a Sweeping Log, a product that releases minerals and causes chemical reactions to break up any creosote.

Try these additional tips to help keep your next fire where it belongs—in the fireplace.

- **Keep It Clear**—Clear all debris away from the outside of the fireplace.

- **Keep An Eye On It**—Never leave a fire unattended. Many house fires start from fireplace fires that were left alone.

- **Keep It Safe**—Always have a fire extinguisher nearby.

For more tips or a free brochure on keeping your chimney clean, call 1-888-866-5115 or visit chimneysweeping.com.