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## Community Safety Flash



Staffordshire Fire & Rescue attend many chimney fires each year which can be prevented by following the advice below



- Ensure you choose the correct size appliance for your room
- Have the chimney swept at the start of the heating season
- Clean the fire regularly



- Use good quality fuel
- If burning wood, ensure it is completely dried out
- Do not store logs directly next to stove to avoid ignition due to the heat surrounding the stove



- Use protective gloves to open the door
- Use a fire guard to protect flooring from hot embers and sparks
- Keep matches and lighters away from children
- Fit smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

For more information about chimney fire safety visit the website for the National Association of Chimney sweeps (<https://nacs.org.uk/>)

For more information on finding chimney sweeps, fuels and retailer visit [www.hetas.co.uk](http://www.hetas.co.uk)

Please give us a call and have a chat with your Community Safety Officers on 01785 898719 or email: - [esdgpreventeam@staffordshirefire.gov.uk](mailto:esdgpreventeam@staffordshirefire.gov.uk)

**In the event of an emergency – get out and stay out DIAL 999**

