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CHIMNEY SWEPT? FLUE UNBLOCKED?

PREVENT CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

GET YOURS CLEANED NOW
(YOUR LIFE MAY DEPEND ON IT)

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Carbon monoxide is a killer. And when your chimneys and flues are blocked, there's no way out for this highly poisonous gas, except into your home. Protect yourself. Ensure all ventilation needed for fires, chimneys and stoves is clean and clear of obstruction.

A chimney technician can reduce the risk

Using a registered chimney technician ensures a clean, competent service by someone who understands flues, chimneys and fuel-burning appliances, such as stoves, and takes great pride in their work.

The Northern Ireland Association of Chimney Sweeps (NIACS) is the only recognised body of chimney technicians in NI. All NIACS certified sweeps carry photographic ID, are fully trained, registered and carry public liability insurance.

Safe appliances save lives

Carbon Monoxide can be released by any appliance that burns oil, solid fuel, wood or gas, even boilers, if they are not properly installed and maintained. The deadly gas has no smell, colour or taste.

- Flues for oil and gas appliances should be inspected annually and swept if required by a registered technician.
- For coal, wood and turf burning in open fires, stoves, room heaters and pellet boilers; get these swept up to three times per year depending on use and the quality of fuel used.
- Danger signs include sooting or staining on or around the appliance and excessive condensation in the room.
- Only install and use a stove which has been installed in line with building control regulations.
- A standard sweeping service will cost from £30.

Know the signs of carbon monoxide poisoning

Symptoms can appear days or even months after exposure. Often they are mistaken for everyday illnesses, making poisoning difficult to detect. When you inhale carbon monoxide, it starves the body of oxygen.

Even low-level exposure over a long period can cause lasting health problems, including permanent brain damage. And it can be fatal.

Mild symptoms are similar to a cold, flu or food poisoning

Headache, nausea, stomach pain, dizziness, sore throat, dry cough. Children feel as though they have a stomach upset.

Severe poisoning

Loss of memory, confusion, problems with co-ordination, fast and irregular heart rate, drowsiness, difficulty breathing/hyperventilation, seizures and loss of consciousness.

Do not ignore these symptoms if:

- Others in the house are affected.
- You've recently moved in.
- Symptoms vanish when you leave the house or go on holidays and come back when you return.
- Symptoms increase in the winter.

Take immediate action:

- Open doors and windows and go out into the fresh air.
- Go to your GP or nearest A&E department.
- Call 999 for an ambulance if symptoms are severe.

Contact your NIACS certified technician at: