

When should you call a CSIA Certified Chimney Sweep®?

The National Fire Protection Association states that chimneys, fireplaces and vents shall be inspected annually. Just like cleaning out your gutters and changing your furnace filters, make scheduling and annual inspection part of your yearly "To Do List" to keep your home safe and functioning as it should. But when are some other times you should have an inspection scheduled with a CSIA Certified Chimney Sweep®?

- If you observe smoke entering your home from your wood fire
- If you experience a chimney fire (after the fire department leaves)
- If there are conditions that could have damaged the chimney, such as earthquakes or the chimney being struck by debris such as falling limbs
- If you smell smoke
- If you smell fumes from your water heater, furnace or boiler
- If you notice a brick or stone chimney deteriorating or exhibiting staining
- If you see loose mortar in your chimney
- If you see rust or corrosion on your metal chimney
- When there is a property transaction
- If you see any charring or drying on surrounding combustibles, immediately discontinue use
- If something just doesn't look "right"
- If you hear sounds emanating from your chimney or fireplace, animals or birds may have taken residence
- If you notice water or dampness in your chimney or fireplace

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