

CAUTION

SAFETY RECOMMENDATION ON GOOD VENTING PRACTICE. READ CAREFULLY.

1. Before the chimney cover is installed, your chimney should be inspected to be sure your chimney has been constructed properly. It needs to be the proper size and height for what you are venting to provide an adequate draft. This inspection will assure that the flue is not in need of repair and is clear of any obstructions. Bird, squirrel, or animal nests, tree limbs, leaves, fallen brick or tile lining all could cause hazardous conditions. The vent pipe leading from the furnace to the chimney should also be thoroughly checked for deterioration, blockage and/or soot accumulation. We recommend a Certified Chimney Sweep, Gas Company, or Furnace Company, to perform this safety inspection.

2. When wood burning units are being vented, the chimney should be visually checked as often as every few days. If the cover or screen appears to be sooty or dirty, it follows that the inside of the flue is also dirty. A buildup inside the chimney could cause a **CHIMNEY FIRE**. The cause of this buildup may be a slow draft or the type of wood that is being burned. In this case, contact your local Certified Chimney Sweep to inspect and clean the flue and suggest steps to minimize further buildup in the future.

3. If you are venting a gas or oil furnace/heater, **EXTREME CAUTION** should be taken when temperatures fall below freezing. Visually check the chimney cover daily for possible frost, snow, freezing rain, or ice buildup. If drafting properly, the heat from the escaping flue gases will prevent any frost buildup on the cover. However, improper burner settings or conditions, obstructions or restrictions that may develop in the furnace or the chimney, could cause the escaping flue gases to cool down. The cooling of these gases could cause a buildup of frost and ice on the cover. If this buildup condition occurs, call a Certified Furnace Company, Gas Company, or a Chimney Sweep **AT ONCE**.

4. **CARBON MONOXIDE BUILDUP** in the house, due to a blockage in the chimney or an improper functioning furnace/heater, **MAY CAUSE DROWSINESS, HEADACHES, AND/OR NAUSEA**, in it's early stages, warning of it's presence. **CONTINUED EXPOSURE COULD BE FATAL**, if proper chimney venting is not established and maintained.

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