



Are you looking forward to cleaning your chimney? Are you looking forward to repairing or installing a new stack? Is your chimney leaking water? Do you want to repair or install a new firebox? Is your house full of smoke when you light your fireplace? Is your chimney cap or cover damaged, and you are looking forward to replacing or repairing? Yes, worry no more, Chimney Draft Doctor Phoenix, we do not draft to treat symptoms we cure the horror in your chimney or fireplace for you to live a stress-free life.

Why Should You Hire Us?

Chimney cleaning sounds like a very easy do it yourself job, but if you want it done right and safely then you need to hire us today At Chimney Draft Doctors, we are licensed, and we understand the dangers of standing in Front of the unmaintained chimney as well as how significant your chimney and fireplace can affect the value of your home. A well-maintained chimney and fireplace do not only make your home look beautiful but also increases the value of your home. Our team of experts has insurance, which covers cleaning related mishaps.

Our team professionals are trained and experienced in this line of work or career. Cleaning chimneys is a dangerous and risky task since it involves climbing to the roof, cleaning the dirt that builds up in the fireplace, and handling substances such as dirt, soot, and creosote, which is flammable and potentially harmful and can cause cancer.

Our team of professionals has broad access to tools, and they know how to handle different types of tools used in cleaning the chimney and equipped with equipment such as industrial vacuum cleaners, high tech cameras to look inside the fireplace during the inspection and protective gears. The tools used by our professionals are expensive and handy and commonly found among professionals.

We save you money. When you hire us to sweep your chimney, our team of professionals can detect spots and fix issues during cleaning, which sometimes, as a homeowner, you are unable to identify. We can identify problems such as water damage, which, if not taken care of for months, can cause a significant rot and more than \$10000 to repairs. However, if you hire us, it only costs \$100 for professional chimney cleaning and repairs.

Is a Chimney Inspection Necessary?

Are you wondering why you need a chimney inspection? The truth is your fireplace might be looking great on the outside, but inside, it might be hiding tons of necessary repairs and maintenance. Sometimes knowing if your chimney needs repair, it might be difficult, but don't worry at Chimney Draft Doctors; we offer the best chimney inspection and sweep and scan in the stack. Chimney inspection involves a camera scan where required. We also check if your chimney is functioning correctly and if it is fit, and if it needs repair before you begin using the fireplace safely. Here are the top 5 reasons why you should book a chimney inspection with us.

1 Cracks in the Flue

The flue is inside your chimney, and it carries heat and toxic fumes and smokes out of your house. With time your chimney begins to deteriorate and crack because of the excess heat and corrosion from moisture or getting into contact with water. If you have a metal flue water droplet can increase the rate of deterioration. Water droplets can enter the duct through the flue cap if it is not properly closed with a spark arrestor or flue cap.

2 Cracks in the Bricks

Is your chimney of bricks? If yes, your chimney may need frequent masonry repairs that may be required to keep it secure and stable. Why? Because after years of heating and varying weather temperatures, your masonry can deteriorate, and cracks begin to develop. It is advisable to frequently check the damper if your damper can easily open and close. An inspection with us gives a detailed analysis of many of your masonry and recommended repairs to keep your chimney secure and structurally sound.



3 Creosote Buildup and Animal Nests

Creosote accumulates from wood-burning or solid fuels. It can cause chimney fire easily if not removed. We all know that birds love using human homes as a place to nest their young ones because they are warm compared to their homes on the tree. Birds can build a nest in the chimney hence blocking the chimney ventilation. Flue blockage from the nest causes carbon monoxide smoke and other toxic gases to fill in the house, causing death.

4 Water Damage

If the chimney or duct is not entirely covered with a right pipe or cap. Water can leak in the fireplace, causing a quick deterioration of your tube. If this is not realized soon and repaired, you will be forced to remove and reinstall the whole flue, and this will cost you over \$10000. What are you waiting to hire us today and save a significant amount of money!

5 You Are Not Sure of When the Last Inspection Occured

Are you a new homeowner, and you cannot see the last chimney inspection in the report? Have you been busy, and you cannot recall when the previous chimney inspection was? Don't worry; in this case, it is wise to book a sweep and scan inspection with Chimney Draft Doctors. Here we will give you a report of whether your chimney needs future repair or not.

At chimney draft doctors, we check and examine the health of your chimneys well as go over the condition report and answer your questions. For more information regarding chimney inspection, please contact **Chimney Draft Doctors**.

How Do You Inspect a Chimney?

Are you confident that you can do chimney sweeping and cleaning on your own? Do you have experience in this area? Chimney inspection and cleaning are crucial for safety and better chimney efficiency. At Chimney Draft Doctors, we offer virtual chimney inspection, chimney professional consulting, and rental chimney sweeping equipment for DIY. At Chimney Draft Doctors, we also provide Tech training for as low as \$250 per hour for a minimum of one hour. Hire sweeping chimney equipment's from us and follow the following steps:



1 Cleaning the ashes and debris from the box

Use a stiff brush to broom the sides or chimney brush and vacuum out the loose ashes as much as possible. You can also try and remove the andirons if possible.

2 Open the screen door as wide as possible and drop a large piece of cardboard or choose to decline a piece of cloth in the firebox.

Here you are required to lay on your back and slide into the box as far as you need to. Use a flashlight to light inside the flue. Inspect your chimney for

- Cracks in the masonry
- Burned out metal holes
- The condition of your damper

3 Have a person to operate the damper as you watch if it can open and close quickly securely and it perfectly fits in the bracket

At this step, you need to wear safety glasses since the damper is usually coated with creosote and ash quickly builds up, and it can easily drop in your eye. When you finish inspecting the damper, make sure it is in a closed position.

- 4 Place a large piece of cardboard in the firebox with its edge tapped up at the front to protect the room from material falling from the top of the chimney.**

You can close the screen and glass if you have enough tools.

- 5 Climb to the roof of your home using a ladder to where the chimney is located and projects up.**

At this step, you are required to remove the rain cover or the bird screen. Always ensure that you have a flashing material on hand to seal it back after you finish.

- 6 Shine your flashlight down the flue and check for any dangerous build-up of substances such as creosote, which is a brown or black by-product of wood which accumulates in chimney flues.**

- 7 Use a stiff brush with a long handle and begin to brush from the top of the chimney sides and work your way down.**

At this step, it is advisable to rent our sweeping chimney equipment or buy a chimney brush for better and efficient cleaning. If you don't, you will not complete cleaning the inside of the chimney. However, you should be able to remove enough build-ups to let your fireplace operate safely.

- 8 Style an extension tube with a shop vacuum tube with a PVC pipe so that you can drop it in the flue and vacuum the debris that has dislodged.**

Most of the chimneys have a smoke shelf or damper, which blocks this material from falling at the firebox. Note that chimneys are constructed measuring 2 feet with either metal clay or brick. Look around in the chimney for any visible crack if there is no crack replace the chimney cap using a sealant for the flashing you removed earlier.

- 9 Check the sides adjoining the chimney and roof.**

Suitable flashing helps waterproof the roof system, which often becomes corroded or collects debris, which can cause roof leaks. If there are cracks or not well-adjoined use a waterproof sealant to adjoin the seal or adjoin the chimney and roof again

- 10 Carefully climb down the ladder.**

When climbing down remove the drop cloth or the protective barrier you installed to block the ash, soot, and brushes from the upper flue being spread all over in your room

What should I look for in a chimney inspection?

A chimney inspection is divided into three stages, and at each stage, you should inspect specific conditions of chimney.

How Do I Know My Chimney Needs to Be Cleaned?

- You will see oily spots on the wall of the fireplace
- Unfortunate burning fires and smoke in the room when you light a fire
- Burning wood odor coming from the fireplace
- A black damper, because it sits above the firebox and it is easy to reach
- If you poke your head in the chimney, you see animal nests inside the chimney

STAGE 1

Stage 1 involves a visual job with no need for any special equipment to check the soundness of the chimney structure, flue, and essential appliances installation and connection. A Chimney Draft Doctors technician or you will also check if the chimney and the duct are free of obstruction and combustible deposits.

STAGE 2

Have you experienced dramatic weather conditions such as a hurricane, tornadoes, or made any change to your fireplace? You should perform level one inspection and also climb to the attic roof and crawl space in such disrepair. Higher us to do video scanning for you to ensure that everything is perfect.

STAGE 3

Stage 3 is a very devastating stage and also intrusive; it can resemble a demolition job of the whole chimney, especially after a fire. It involves rebuilding walls and your fireplace from the ground again as a new project.

How Frequently Should a Chimney be Inspected?

According to national fire protection association standards, 211 states that “fireplaces and chimneys should be inspected at least once a year for better soundness, freedom from deposits, and correct clearance.” The chimney safety institute of North America advises that “masonry chimneys should be swept at 1/8 inch of soot build-up and as soon as glaze presents in the system”. The build-up can easily cause fire, and they are capable of damaging the chimney.



How Do I Know if My Fireplace is Open or Closed?

Merely using a flashlight poke your head inside the fireplace and look up the chimney, if your furnace has a damper if you see a barrier then that means it is closed if you see up to the flue then that means it is open.

If your damper is not closing well or destroyed, don't contact us at Chimney Draft Doctors today and let us offer the best repair or restore this problem for you.



Does My Chimney Need a Cap?

Yes, a chimney cap prevents water from entering the chimney flowing down to the attic. If water or moisture enters the attic, it ruins the brickwork and also speeds up corrosion for the metallic stack, and deuterations for wood chimneys. It is advisable to choose a flue cap with mesh siding to prevent glitter from blocking your vent.

What are you waiting for, my friend? Contact us today and let us come and inspect as well as repair or replace your chimney cap!

Is it Safe to Use My Fireplace?

The best way to ensure that your fireplace is safe is to hire a Chimney Draft Doctors inspector to come and inspect your furnace annually. Poor maintenance of your fireplace can cause fire and cause many hazards such as fire carbon monoxide poisoning and other toxic fumes, which can lead to death if breathed for a long time.

Are you not sure whether your fireplace is safe? Call us today and let us inspect, repair, or restore your fireplace and get an excellent solution. We guarantee you that you will never regret this!

