

AND IF I DON'T CLEAN THE CHIMNEY?



The **chimney clogging** can cause :

▶ A fire, an explosion,



▶ An accident (asphyxiation, intoxication),

▶ The air pollution in the dwelling,



▶ A bad draught (= the smokes don't go out properly).



In case of **fire**, if the chimney is not cleaned, you **won't get compensated** (the insurance company won't pay).

DUTIES

It is the **tenant's** responsibility to take care of the **chimney sweeping**.

The **landlord's** responsibility is to take care of **repairs**.

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THE CHEMNEY SWEEP

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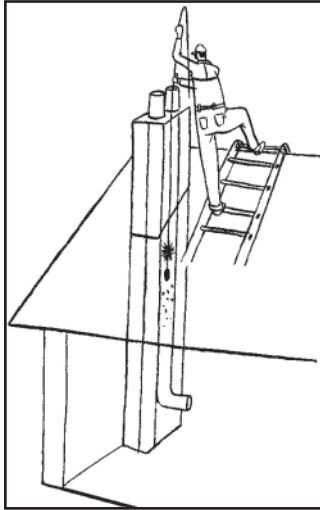
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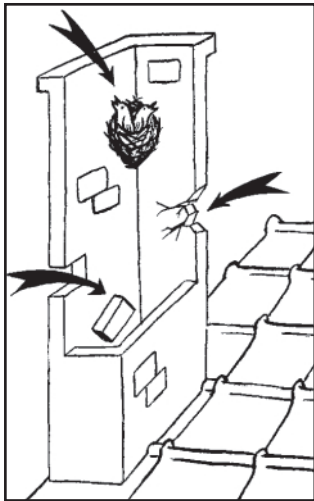
WHAT'S CHIMNEY SWEEP?

It is the chimney and pipes cleaning.

It also allows to check the chimney's state.



WHY HAVING THE CHIMNEY SWEEP?



Because
- soot,
- dust,
- sediment
get accumulated on the chimney walls during the smoke evacuation.

The chimneys can be **blocked up** by bird's nests or **damaged** by falling bricks.

HOW OFTEN TO DO THE CHIMNEY SWEEP ?

For the **oil heating**, it's **mandatory** to clean it **once a year**.

For the **gas heating**, it's **preferable** to clean once a year.



When you sign the lease, ask the landlord for the **last chimney sweeping notice**.

The **insurance companies** impose the chimney sweep once a year.



The chimney sweep is also mandatory if it's stated in the **lease** or in the **rules of commune**.

How much does it cost?

The prices are in general start from **40 € for the chimney** and 25 € for the additional one.

The price for the **chimney sweep** and the **convector maintenance** is about 65 €.

WHOM TO CALL FOR THE CHIMNEY SWEEP?



You have to call a **professional chimney cleaner** registered by the Region.



The chimney cleaner must hand in to the tenant:

- 1 The **bill** that has to include :
 - ▶ The **date** of the chimney sweep,
 - ▶ The **number** of swept chimneys,
 - ▶ The **prices** with and without VAT,
 - ▶ A **note** of all the chimney damages observed.
- 2 The **certificate** that has to correspond to the **model imposed by the Ministry**.



The **bill** and the **certificate** have to include :

- ▶ Name, address and telephone number,
- ▶ VAT number,
- ▶ The licence number of the **professional chimney sweeper**,
- ▶ Name and address of the **tenant**.