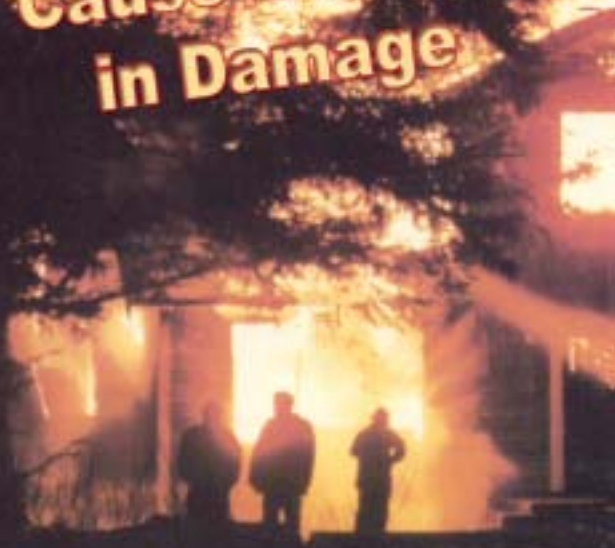


Unsafe Chimneys Cause Millions\$ in Damage



Fire Burns Recently Remodeled Home to Ground

Deteriorated Chimney Cited As Cause

Fire fighters arrived at the scene of a fire last night too late to save the home or its furnishings. Several measures had been taken to prevent fires when the home was recently remodeled, said the owners of their loss. However, under questioning by investigators, it was determined that the chimney, ironically the only part of the house left standing after the blaze, had not been cleaned nor had the masonry been checked for cracks or leaks in several years.

A dense build-up of creosote deposits in the chimney fueled the fire. The deteriorated condition of the chimney allowed flames to escape through holes in the flue, which then spread rapidly throughout the two-story building.

Fire officials said of the tragedy, "We see fires like this every day. People get lazy or forgetful and take the condition of their chimneys for granted. Then something like this happens. Fortunately, no one was hurt. But next time?"

Consumer Pressure Put To Industry For Better Ways To Prevent Chimney Fires

In recent years, consumer groups and insurance companies have been trying to convince the solid fuel industry of the need for new solutions in preventing the chimney fires that destroy so many homes.

“Chimneys as an idea haven’t really changed in thousands of years;” one consumer was quoted as saying.

“Since today’s technology makes stoves and fireplaces more efficient, shouldn’t the chimney be upgraded at the same time so that the entire heating system is more efficient and safe?”

ProTech Systems Answers The Need For Improved Chimney Safety

ProTech Systems, Inc., has developed a simple and safe system to help protect homes from destruction by chimney fires.

Using expertise gained in manufacturing high temperature metal hose for industrial applications, a method for making existing chimneys safer was developed to meet consumer and insurance company demands.

The development of the chimney system involved extensive research and experimentation. ProTech is now proud to introduce its proven technology to the safety conscious homeowner.

