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Fireplaces and Chimneys

Fireplaces, Chimneys and Vents should have a “Level II” inspection upon a property sale or transfer.

This is the basic message contained within the body of NFPA Standard 211 that was issued in February of 2000.

Inspections by Bob realizes that many fireplaces, chimneys and flues will only be examined a few times during their lifetimes, and thus encourages people to follow the NFPA’s recommendations.

The NFPA recommends a complete video, or other method, scanning of the entire fireplace, chimney and flue structures upon sale or transfer of the property. This is referred to as a “Level II” inspection.

The NFPA also recommends an annual cleaning and simple, what they refer to as a “level 1” inspection each year of all fireplaces, chimneys, structures and flues.

Inspections by Bob also recommends that all such inspections be done by certified “Chimney Sweeps” as they have the appropriate training and equipment to do the inspection properly.

About NFPA: NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research, training and education.

NFPA 211, *Standard for Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents and Solid Fuel-Burning Appliances*, describes the construction, requirements, clearances, connectivity, inspection, cleaning and repair of Fireplaces, Chimneys, vents and all matters related to fuel-Burning Appliances.