



Chimney sweep

Description

It is believed that chimney sweeps bring luck and safety. They clean, maintain and vent regularly the heating systems, ventilation, chimneys, fireboxes and measure emissions in residential, industrial and commercial buildings. They control chimneys, fireplaces, boilers and carry out cleaning when necessary, and issue a chimney sweeping certificate. It guarantees functionality and safety of the heating system and exhaust gases, saves energy and ensures good internal climate.

Chimney sweep profession is important for environmental protection, as these professionals give a considerable contribution to fire protection and environmental protection. As experts, they are responsible for overseeing construction of new chimneys or restoring the old ones and chimney channels. It is important that a chimney sweep is familiar with rulebooks and regulations in the field of fire fighting safety, use of gas and environmental protection. Chimney sweeps are in direct contact with customers/clients advising them on necessary steps to be taken.

Chimney sweeps work in buildings, houses, on roofs, chimneys and chimney channels and mainly outdoors. This job requires agility and dexterity. As they often work on heights they need to have a good balance and good motor skills. In their work they use various tools.

Desirable traits/requirements

- Manual dexterity/ hand skills;
- Agility and physical endurance;
- Good eyesight;
- Precision;
- Spatial orientation;
- Responsibility and reliability;
- Communication skills;
- Being well-organized.

Positive aspects:

- Chimney sweeps are still considered lucky to this day. They do their work with dedication and responsibility. Chimney sweeps give considerable contribution to the environmental protection and further development of this profession should be steered in that direction.

Negative aspects:

- Chimney sweeps do a physically demanding job, often in a bending or kneeling position. Outdoor work includes working in all weather conditions.

Career path/ fields of work

The chimney sweep's job requires a specific training.

Generally, chimney sweeps work on their own or within the construction companies.