

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

Standard Operating Procedures

100.05.01
SPECIAL OPERATIONS,
CHIMNEY FIRES



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Purpose: To provide a guideline when responding to chimney fires.

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Procedure:

1. Special considerations in extinguishing chimney fires are:
 - a) Use of water is not normally recommended due to the possibility of cracking the chimney liner.
 - b) Letting it burn is not recommended.
 - c) Use of a dry chemical agent is the recommended method of extinguishment.
 - d) When the chimney is well supported and accessible, one or two small bags of dry chemical dropped down the chimney is very effective. (Be sure that appliance doors are closed inside prior to dropping product down chimney.)
 - e) If chimney is unsupported or chimney top is difficult to reach, use dry chemical extinguisher with short bursts into the appliance or opening from below.
 - f) Inspect attics, cocklofts, and all adjacent interior and exterior walls for extension of fire.
 - g) Wet down any combustible roof before leaving the scene after all chimney fires are extinguished.
 - h) Notify homeowner to periodically check roof and interior areas of house for any indication of heat or smoke after Fire District crews leave.