

BE WINTER READY

As the temperature drops and customers are considering lighting their stoves for the first time in months, remember a few safety tips...

STEP 1



BE CO AWARE

Checking the CO alarm works by pushing the test button, also give it a vacuum to remove any dust.

BE CHIMNEY AWARE

A visual check of the flue or chimney should be done before lighting the stove for the first time in months. Check the chimney pot has not cracked, and that rain and bird guards have not fallen.



STEP 2

STEP 3



GET SWEPT

A stove or open fire should be swept at least annually or more frequently depending upon the fuel burnt. Customers should keep the certificates for their flue warranty and household insurance purposes.

BE FUEL AWARE

Help your customers choose the right type of fuel for their appliance. A wood thermometer will ensure fuel is being burnt at the correct temperature. Use Woodsure to buy certified wood fuel www.woodsures.co.uk. All solid fuels should be HETAS approved.



STEP 4

STEP 5



BE ECODESIGN AWARE

Choose a Stove Industry Alliance (SIA) approved Ecodesign 2022 stove, to ensure optimum efficiency and minimal emissions. Visit the HETAS website to find a list of approved stoves.

LONG TERM VIEW

Choose products that have long warranty periods to give your customer peace of mind and cover your back should anything go wrong. We supply Schiedel liners (Technoflex Plus & ICID Plus) which come with a lifetime warranty.



STEP 6

STEP 7



BE PREPARED

Make sure you've got everything you need to do the job. We offer flue packs which ensure you have all the fixings required in one place, including pipe connections, adaptors and chimney cowls.

UNDERSTAND COST

Cheap cost per metre deals might seem like the best option when choosing a flue, but this approach may cost more in the long run. A quality product with a long warranty will be easier to install and require little maintenance, reducing costs overall.



STEP 8

Don't forget, if you're going to install solid fuel appliances, you must be HETAS registered. Don't be tempted to 'have a go' at installing a stove or fireplace without the necessary training. For installers in related trades, such as plumbing or other forms of heating, upskilling can be a straightforward process. Visit www.specflue.com/training for details of our HETAS accredited courses.