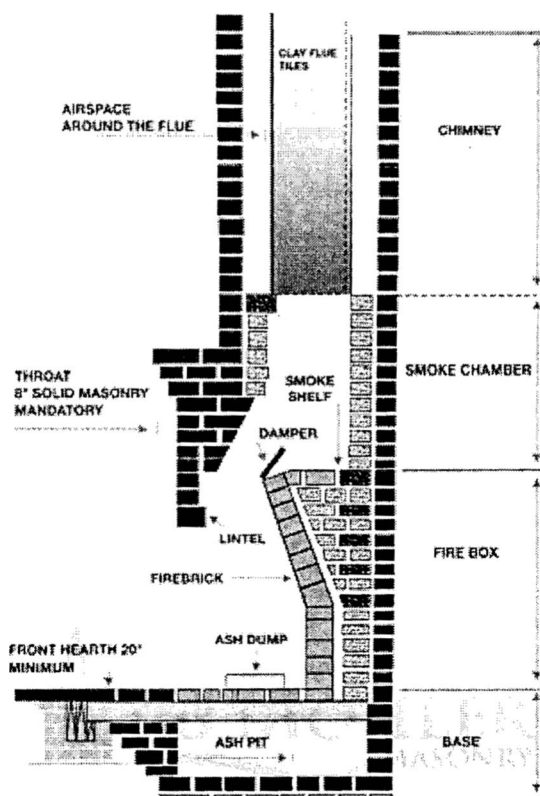


Another method of extinguishing is to use baggies of ABC extinguisher powder which are located in the chimney fire buckets. The powder is in a plastic bag and can be dropped into the chimney. The idea is that as the bag melts, the powder is released into the chimney and is dispersed extinguishing the fire. Most of these bags are in 2 – plastic bags to keep from ripping while being stored in the bucket. Remove the outer bag prior to dropping to ensure the bag melts properly.

In some cases the chimney may be completely blocked. The chimney chains may be needed to break through the blockage. Drop the chains until you feel the blockage, work the chains up and down until breaking through. Keep in mind some chimney systems may not be totally straight, many older homes have offsets in the chimney system. It is sometimes difficult to judge if the chains are hitting an offset or a blockage. Most fire places have a smoke shelf as shown below, the chain may stop there.



In the event you are unable to get through the blockage because of its severity and or the amount of fire/heat coming out of the chimney, use the chimney fire nozzle located on Tower 1. The chimney fire nozzle emits a fine mist and can be dropped down the chimney to extinguish the fire. The fine mist will extinguish the fire without damaging the flue because of the small amount of water emitted. The chimney nozzle is heavy enough that it can be used to break through the blockage while extinguishing the fire. Caution should be used when using the chimney nozzle as it has a rubber hose that could melt if left in the chimney too long.