

Metal chimney boxes, painted to look like brick and mortar



Is your chimney similar to this style?

If so, there is a pretty good chance that you have a potential problem that can lead to a house fire.

Many of these air cooled chimneys with metal chimney chase had an engineering flaw that allowed birds and or squirrels to enter the box and outer triple wall chimney pipe.

The result is a safe warm residence for birds and squirrels.

Screening the center pipe or capping as in above photo, only screens one out of three possible entry areas into this chimney system.

The other areas lead not only into the triple wall system and metal chimney chase, but into the attic or crawl space as well!

(Add series of photos named pre fabricated chimney nesting)

The nesting not only adds a combustibile material to the chimney system, but also shuts down the ability for the air cooling mechanism to work. MANY houses have burned down through the entire United States due to this flaw

In some cases, we can remove reachable nesting, and properly screen to eliminate future nesting.

In others, when nesting cannot be removed, the entire system would need to be removed and replaced.

Adding gas logs to this style fireplace without a thorough inspection above the roofline can be a very bad idea.