

Inspection Cycle for Brick Chimneys



Q. What is the Recommended Inspection Cycle for Brick Chimneys?

The International Committee on Industrial Chimneys (CICND) has not produced guidance for the inspection cycle for brick chimneys.

ATLAS suggests that clients maintain a regular inspection cycle to ensure the continued safety of their chimneys, and the cycle should be increased to take in to account a significant change to the use of the building, local adverse weather conditions or concerns about the state of repair of the building.

ATLAS would suggest that in line with CICND's guidance on the inspection and maintenance of other types of chimney, brick chimneys are inspected annually for the first two years after commissioning or after a significant change of operation. Thereafter, ATLAS would suggest a minimum 3-yearly inspection cycle and immediately following fire and explosion.

This guidance note should be used in conjunction with the [**ATLAS Guidance Note: Inspection and Maintenance of Concrete Chimneys and Cooling Towers**](#) and the [**ATLAS Guidance Note: Inspection of Single Flue Steel Chimneys**](#).

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