

Assessment Equipment Guide – Appendix A

We have provided this list as a guide to ensure you are suitably prepared for assessment. This is not an exhaustive list and other items for specific tasks (such as working at height) may be necessary but not included in our assessment.

Our assessors will look to ensure you have as a minimum this list in order to carry out Core Sweeping tasks. PPE is also applicable to the Health & Safety at Work Act.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

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Long sleeve top, trousers or boiler suit (to protect the whole body)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety shoes/boots	<input type="checkbox"/>
Knee pads or cushion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gloves, suitable for method of sweeping	<input type="checkbox"/>
P3 rated mask/respirator	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eye and ear protection when required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hard hat / bump cap	<input type="checkbox"/>
First aid kit and eye wash	<input type="checkbox"/>
If working on construction sites, additional equipment may be necessary (such as high visibility jacket)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barrier cream is recommend on hands, wrists and exposed areas of skin reapplied as necessary during the day. Wear a hat if you don't have much hair	<input type="checkbox"/>
Note: Hot weather is no excuse for not wearing any of your personal protective equipment. Wipe or wash off any soot from exposed areas of skin between jobs	

CORE SWEEPING TASKS - FOR MANUAL SWEEPING:

We would expect to see enough rods and sizes of brushes and equipment for the area you work in and the types of properties within your local work area. As a guide, the assessor will look for the following:

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Industrial vacuum. Pat tested	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flexible rods for Solid Fuel Flexible Flue Liners	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rod sizes for larger flues	<input type="checkbox"/>
3/4" heavily deposited liners & light deposits in clay lined flues	<input type="checkbox"/>
7/8" the go to rod for the average sized flue 8" – 18" approx	<input type="checkbox"/>
1" for larger/taller flues. These are also good for clearing jackdaw nests	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brushes, soft, medium and stiff. Suggested size range 5" up to 18"	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small flue boiler brushes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hearth sheets, floor runners & dust sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>

Preferred method of sealing up appliance/opening – foam block or sheeting for a variety of scenarios/installations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suitable tape for sealing sheets/masking tape	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brush retrieval tool & nest hook	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hand brush & shovel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Torch, high power for flues/stacks & mirror	<input type="checkbox"/>
Binoculars	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke pellets, smoke matches & method for heating flue	<input type="checkbox"/>
Look & see CCTV	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tool kit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plastic sacks/buckets	<input type="checkbox"/>

FOR POWER SWEEPING:

Manufacturer’s rod thickness varies and therefore so does recommended use. Your assessor will be looking to ensure the equipment is suitable for the flue type and in good condition so as not to cause damage to flue linings.

We would expect to see three sizes of rod thickness similar to the manual rods. One size for liners and the other two for larger and masonry flues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attachments include: Sweeping Whip heads, Specialist Whip Heads & Brushes; Your assessor will query the type, use and selection of these	<input type="checkbox"/>

CCTV SURVEYING:

This competence is awarded on evidence of suitable training in the use and evaluation of CCTV for reporting/investigation purposes. Many Sweeps will utilise CCTV systems for ‘look & see’ purposes, however competence is assessed on using CCTV for in depth investigation/ chimney problems/issues and expert reporting.

Suitable CCTV Equipment designed for the purpose of Chimney investigations and knowledge on identifying issues.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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