

## **SCAM ALERT:**

The Town of Danvers has received reports concerning discount chimney sweep scams. In an effort to keep our residents informed, and thus reducing the number of victims, the Town of Danvers is alerting residents to the following scam.



### **Discount Chimney Sweeping**

In this scam someone receives a flier in the mail for a discount chimney sweep (if its cost under \$75 it's probably too good to be true). The company will come to your house and go on the roof to check your chimney. They will then notify you that the chimney is about to collapse or leak carbon monoxide into the house – they may even show you fake photos. The company will inform you that they have the right equipment in the truck to fix the problem. You will be asked to pay for services immediately (around \$2000-\$3000). Often, there will be large damage to your chimney and possibly your home after this scam.

### **What should you do?**

Be alert, if something seems too good to be true, it usually is. First, contact the company that performs routine service on your chimney, furnace or burner and get their opinion.

If you do not have a regular technician, please contact the Town of Danvers Inspection Services Department at 978-777-0001, ext. 3062.