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Tip Of The WEEK

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Back Drafting Conditions

Backdrafting conditions from a water heater flue pipe is considered to be very dangerous and potentially life threatening. A draft test should be performed with every home inspection.

There are many different ways to perform a draft test, ranging from sophisticated electronical testing devices to a simple smoke test with a match.



Whatever the testing method, it should only be performed when the furnace is not fired up creating a pull on the water heater flue pipe. There are many different reasons for a flue pipe to back draft and most are easily corrected. This condition should always be top priority, even above a roof leak or foundation damage.

Remember, a roof and a foundation can be repaired and poses no immediate threat. Carbon monoxide poisoning from back drafting conditions are life threatening and hazardous to all people entering the house.



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