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Mice Help sheet



POTENTIAL SIGNS THAT MICE MAY BE PRESENT

- ▶ **Sightings** – dead or alive
- ▶ **Droppings** – mice produce up to 80 droppings a day which resemble small black grains of rice
- ▶ **Damage** – mice will gnaw and cause damage to belongings, structures, and electric cables etc
- ▶ **Smell** – there is usually a distinctive odour in areas where mice live in large numbers
- ▶ **Nests** – collections of shredded materials
- ▶ **Noises** – heard from under floors, behind walls, ceilings voids or in the loft
- ▶ **Smears** – black greasy marks may be left by mice running over prominent objects over a long period of time
- ▶ **Footprints** – captured when they run over a dusty area

Mice invade properties seeking a warm, safe environment with a local food source. Mice excrete on food, contaminating it for humans. They urinate on food surfaces, spreading organisms which can cause food poisoning, such as salmonella. They will eat most types of food and consume around 3 grams per day.

Did you know...

Mice collapse their ribs, meaning they can squeeze through gaps just **6mm high** x **9.5mm wide** which is the size of a biro pen!



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROACTIVELY HELP PREVENT/CONTROL MICE

- ▶ Clean up spilled food right away, wash dishes and cooking utensils soon after use
- ▶ Eliminate rodent food sources by ensuring food is stored off the ground, and kept in thick plastic or metal containers, with sealed lids
- ▶ Keep communal areas free of rubbish and waste
- ▶ Avoid the build-up of refuse and ensure your bin areas are clean with the lids being closed
- ▶ Maintain a strict door policy to keep mice out

At Vergo, we will tailor our solution to meet your needs



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