

### Advice to Householders - Rat/mice Treatment

The use of pesticides in the UK is covered by statutory controls and, consequently, those selected for their effectiveness against rats or mice have been approved for use in all domestic properties. Furthermore our pest control technicians in accordance with regulations are fully trained and hold industry recognised qualifications, and will carry out a specific hazard / risk assessment before commencing treatment.

Customer advice.....

Your co-operation is requested in adopting the following precautions to minimise any risks to occupants and pets. Please see overleaf for areas treated.

**Rats or mice.....**it is worth noting that control methods for rats and mice are similar and will normally be dealt with through trapping or rodenticides, or a combination of both. A risk assessment will determine the most appropriate and safest method to use in your home.

Rodenticides will be placed in tamperproof bait stations, open trays or in burrows where it has been identified it is safe to do so, for example, behind kitchen unit kick boards, sub floor space or roof space. It is important that bait stations/bait trays are not tampered with or moved following their placement by the pest control technician, unless there is an urgent reason to do so. Prevent access to the rodenticide/traps by all persons, especially children and pets.

Please ensure that revisit appointments are kept as most rodenticides have a delayed action, taking between 5 to 7 days to work and will require replacing following consumption. Failure to keep an appointment could result in the rodent problem being extended.

Rodents are normally active at night, are excellent climbers, and known to carry harmful diseases which could possibly contaminate food left out, and food preparation surfaces. To reduce the risk of illness it is advised that food preparation surfaces are cleaned and sanitised prior to food preparation.

Rodenticide bait cannot be legally left following completion of treatment and, consequently, must be removed by the pest control officer.



Rat



Mouse