



# RODENTS AT YOUR WORKPLACE

## Rodents can cause serious problems at your workplace.

Rats and mice are a main cause of structural and electrical damage. With teeth that are continually growing, they have a constant need to chew. This means they may **ruin insulation, damage building timbers, and cause fires by gnawing on electrical cords.**

Rats and mice are omnivorous, **devouring all types of food and food-based products.** Rodents eat and spoil enough food to feed 280 million people in developing countries for a year. It is estimated between one fifth to one third of the world's food supplies never reaches the mouths of consumers.

Rodents are also **carriers and transmitters of many life-threatening diseases** affecting humans, including Bubonic Plague, Typhus, Rat Bite Fever, Salmonella and Trichinosis.

### Rodent Warning Signs

- Droppings
- Chewed electrical wires
- Structural damage
- Scratching noises
- Paw and tail marks
- Nests and/or burrows

### Preventing Rodents at your Work

- Keep food locked away in metal or glass containers (not plastic)
- Reduce clutter
- Place rubbish in secure metal bins
- Keep outside areas free from debris
- Install rodent bait stations

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