

RISKY BUSINESS: RODENTS IN THE WORKPLACE

Rodents won't just poison your reputation. If left to their own devices, these pests can pose a grave health risk to your customers and employees. And no, being scared to death isn't what we're talking about.

TIRED OF PEOPLE CALLING IN SICK? CHECK FOR RODENTS.

From head to tail, rodents are disease-carrying machines, spreading bacteria, viruses and other contaminants wherever they go. And it's not just their droppings. Their urine, fur and saliva also play host to a cornucopia of crud. Bottom line? Rodents are bad news for any business.

Here are a few more of the dirty details:

- Just because a mouse didn't eat the food, doesn't mean it's not ruined. For every bite they take, 10 more are contaminated.
- Rodents have been known to carry Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome – a disease that's fatal in about 36% of cases.
- Fleas and mites often hitch rides on the backs of rats. Just think of them as a rodent's tiny, silent partner in crime.



A LEAVE BEHIND NOBODY ASKED FOR

Like tiny landmines, dried rodent droppings break apart on contact, releasing harmful airborne particles. So, before you rush in to brush away the evidence, make sure you follow these instructions:



Suit up. First things first, put on those rubber gloves and a face mask. If there are a lot of droppings, you may need a fitted respirator.



Sterilize. Put down that broom and vacuum. Instead, sterilize the infected area with a spray disinfectant or mixture of bleach and water (one part bleach to one part water) letting it soak at least 5 minutes.



Grab and throw: Using a paper towel, pick up the waste and put it in the trash can.



Wipe it down: After removing the droppings or urine, disinfect the entire area and anything else that might have been contaminated.



Rinse and repeat. When you're done, remove gloves and wash your hands with soap and water. You can also use a waterless alcohol-based hand sanitizer if you prefer.



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Just because the mess is gone doesn't mean the problem is. If you're ready to rat out rodents, call your local Orkin Canada branch to schedule a free inspection.

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