

# 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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## **BRING IN THE PROFESSIONALS**

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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