

How to?



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Why is this important?

The risks posed by pests include the spread of disease (e.g. Hantavirus from rat droppings), damage to property, contamination of work surfaces and foodstuffs, adverse public opinion and loss of reputation, prosecution and closure. It is therefore essential that all issues are identified and acted on rapidly.

- The kitchen should be kept in a clean and hygienic manner, as this will restrict the possible problems from pests.
- Premises should be covered by the pest control service contract organized by the University Procurement Office.
- Operable doors and windows located in food rooms and openable direct to the outside air should be fitted with fly screening.
- Electric fly killers (EFKs) need to be regularly serviced and emptied.
- Team members must be aware of the signs of potential pest infestation (grease marks, dead insects found, droppings etc.) and must notify a manager when these are found.
- Any treatment for pests must only be carried out by the University's contracted pest control operator.

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Check your understanding by:

State an obvious sign of infestation?

What should you do when you think you have seen an obvious infestation?

Give details of a possible method of fly control in the kitchen?

State reasons that thorough pest control needs to be in place in the kitchen.

Name a disease which can be spread through rat droppings.

You can tell it's correct if:

All team members are aware of the possible issues which can arise without effective pest control in place.

All team members know how to act and who to contact when a possible issue has been identified.

A pest control contractor visits the kitchen on a regular basis and carries out an inspection and then acts on these findings.

Hints and tips:

Keep the kitchen as clean as possible as this will hopefully restrict problems.

During the cleaning of the kitchen all team members should keep an eye on possible signs of infestation and know who to tell.