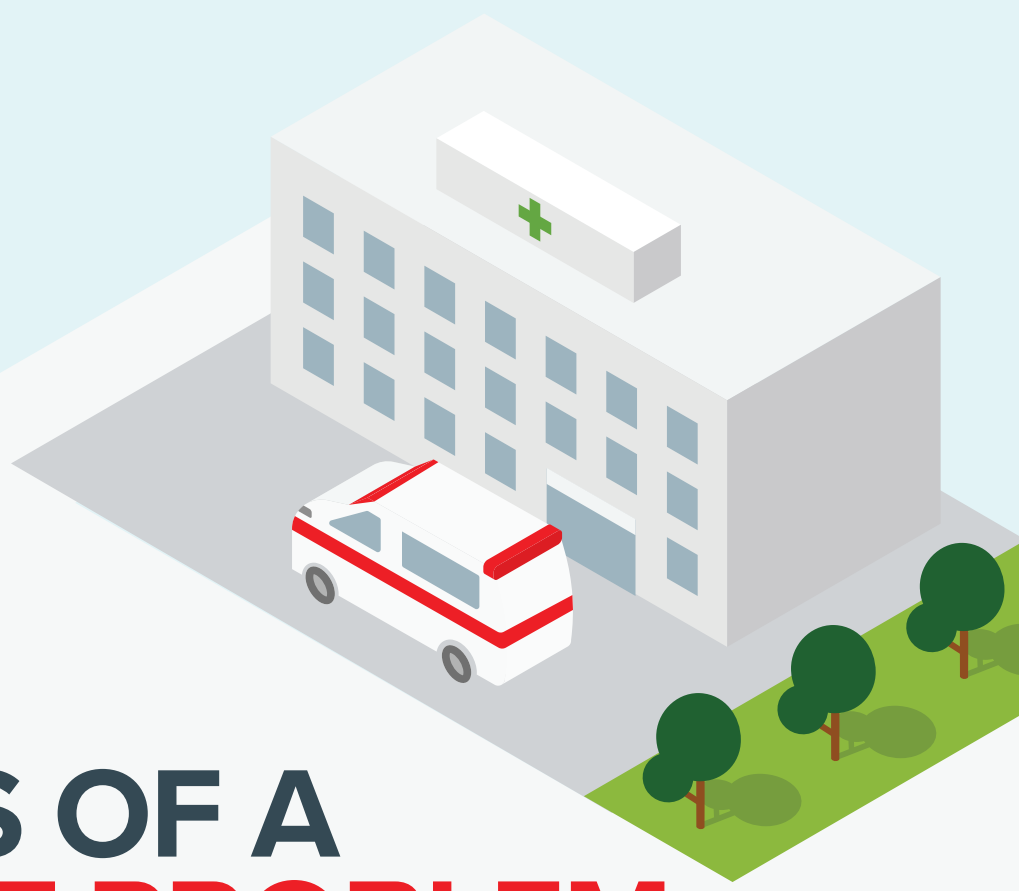




8 SIGNS OF A RODENT PROBLEM IN YOUR FACILITY:

Healthcare

Rodents in healthcare facilities can pose serious health risks for patients and practitioners. Here are 8 signs you and your team should know and work with an expert to resolve immediately.

1 LIVE RODENTS

Rodents are often active at night or when it is quiet. If you spot a rodent in or around your facility, call your pest control provider immediately.

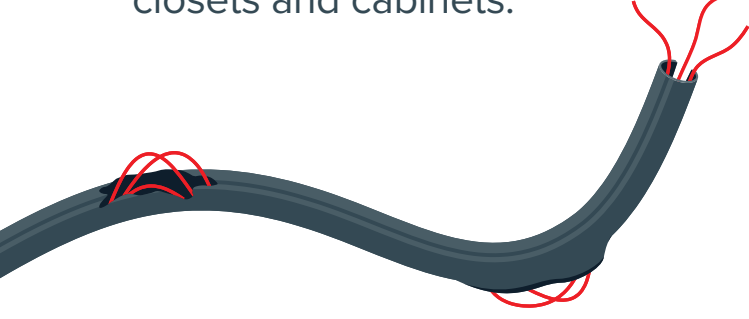


2 NOISES

In addition to hiding in undisturbed areas, rodents can live in ceiling and wall voids. You may hear them, especially during quieter times.

3 DROPPINGS

These pellets are often left in areas where rodents are nesting, feeding, or traveling, such as: kitchens and food prep, food storage, supply storage, employee break rooms, boiler and engineering rooms, closets and cabinets.

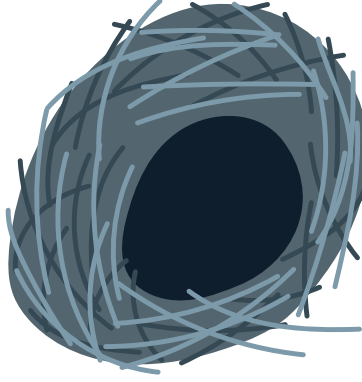
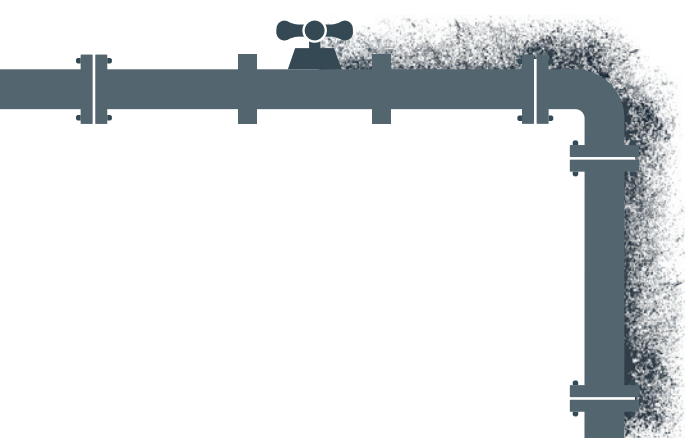


4 GNAWING

The word rodent, from the Latin “rodere,” means “to gnaw.” This behavior is central to their biology, potentially leading to gnaw marks on food, packaging, wires, books, and some pipes.

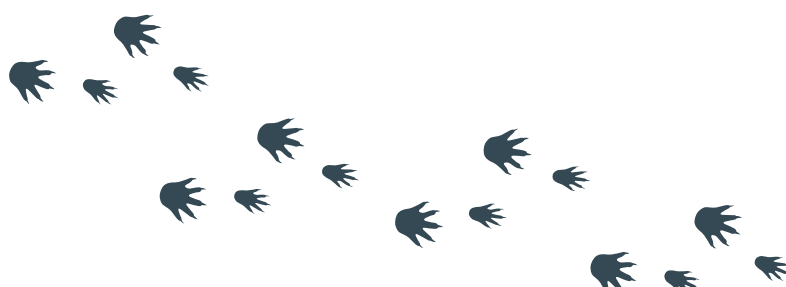
5 NESTS

Rodent nests are made of soft materials such as insulation, paper, fabric, and vegetation. A mouse nest is typically 4-6 inches wide and ball-shaped. A rat’s is messier and can vary in size.



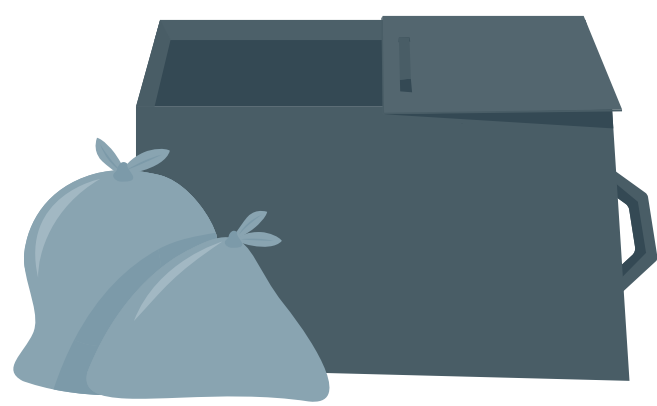
7 TRACKS

Rodents may leave tracks in dust, dirt, or food. Look for footprints and tail drag marks. Both mice and rats have 4 toes on their front feet and 5 on their back feet.



6 RUB OR GREASE MARKS

Rodents frequently travel the same path, rubbing against walls and edges. Oils from their skin and fur transfer to these surfaces, leaving distinct brown-ish black marks over time.



8 BURROWS ON THE EXTERIOR

Some rats burrow outside. Look for 2-4 inch openings near concrete slab edges and sidewalks, along fencelines, or near food sources such as dumpsters.

RAT OR MOUSE?

Rodent droppings can differ in size and shape depending on the species.

MOUSE



1/8 - 1/4 in length, pointed ends



3/4 in length, blunt, rounded ends

ROOF RAT

NORWAY RAT



1/2 - 3/4 in length, pinched ends, may be curved



STOP RODENTS IN THEIR TRACKS ...

Keeping rodents out of your healthcare facility begins with sealing cracks, holes, and gaps where they can get in. This practice, known as exclusion, is an eco-responsible and humane form of pest prevention. It’s important to use rodent proof material, such as Flexi Armour™, Rentokil’s range of exclusion products.

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