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## Mice

### **How do you tell if you have mice?**

*Mus domesticus* or known as the house mouse are the most common weighing around 30grams and around 9cm in length not including its tail, Mice carry diseases and infections and may cause damage to health and property.

(You are required by law to keep your land free and clear of rodents under the prevention of damage by pests act 1949)

### **Indicators of Mice**

If you see a mouse in your property it indicates an infestation.

- Mouse droppings - Light brown to almost black in colour, approximately 5mm in length. Normally found randomly throughout an infested property even on worktops and in food.
- Noises – Scrabbling scratching sounds heard normally at night in ceilings under floors and in cavity walls can indicate an infestation.
- Smear marks – Greasy brown marks left on surfaces or walls are left from the oils found on the coat of the mouse.
- Gnawing / Chewing – mice teeth are constantly growing which means they need to chew to keep them in check. Defective wiring and water hoses leaking are just a few are results of mice gnawing.
- Smell – When mice are present you often get a musty smell.

### **Proofing**

Mice can get through surprisingly small holes, normally gaps around pips, defective airbricks or faulty drains. Our team is on call to assist in advising on proofing works as part of an effective long term solution to clearing an infestation.

### **Treating Mice**

In most cases the quickest effective way of getting rid of mice is to use a professional pest control company. Visit our [website](#) for prices. We can also be contacted by phone 020 8359 7799 or email [pestcontrol@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:pestcontrol@barnet.gov.uk)