

IDENTIFYING AND PREVENTING MICE



Here are some important steps that you can take to stop mice from entering your apartment and prevent them from making it their home.

- *Look for signs of mice*

Mice leave a number of signs if they are present. Look for these clues:

- Chewed or damaged food packages in your kitchen.
- Urine stains, or mice droppings that look like small brown grains of rice, in kitchen or bathroom cupboards, under your sink or around appliances.
- Tracks on dusty surfaces.

- *Eliminate entry points*

Mice can squeeze through cracks and holes the size of a dime. Keep them out with these steps:

- Check under your sink, behind appliances and furniture. Look for holes and cracks that could let them in.
- Caulk cracks in walls and around baseboards and door frames.
- Fill holes around water pipes with steel wool, then caulk.

- *Eliminate food and water*

Mice are attracted to places where they can find an easy meal. Kitchens can be a perfect home. To prevent mice, make it harder for them to find a meal:

- Keep all food in tightly sealed containers.
- Never leave dishes unwashed in the sink or on the counter – especially at night.
- Do not leave food sitting out on counters.
- After your pets have eaten, remove and wash their bowls.
- Vacuum or sweep around furniture where people eat, such as the dining room table, coffee table and sofa.

- Use garbage cans with tight-fitting lids so mice cannot find a meal by getting into your trash.
- Empty your garbage and recycling often.
- *Take care when cleaning*

Be careful cleaning mice droppings and urine stains:

- Wear rubber gloves and a dust mask during clean up.
- Never sweep or vacuum dry droppings. The dust can cause illness.
- Dampen droppings and debris with a solution of bleach and water before wiping them up.
- Wear gloves to dispose of dead mice.
- Wash exposed clothing after clean-up, and separate from your other laundry.
- Wash your hands carefully after the cleanup is complete.

We know that no one wants pests in their apartment.

If you see any signs of mice or other pests, please contact your building manager immediately.

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