



# KNOW THE FACTS

## *Guidance for Handling Rodents at Home*

Rodents, including mice, rats, and chipmunks, carry various diseases. Humans can contract these through direct contact, bites, or exposure to their droppings, urine, or saliva. Contact a professional exterminator as necessary.

### Seal Up

Seal any holes inside & outside the home to prevent rodents from entry



#### Where to Look for Holes:

- Inside, under, & behind kitchen cabinets
- Around windows, doors, pipes, & dryer vents
- Between the floor & wall juncture
- Behind appliances
- Basement, attic, or crawl space

#### Seal Up Food & Water Sources:

- Put away pet food after use
- Store food in sturdy containers with tight lids & dispose of garbage frequently

### Trap Up

Trap rodents in your home. Always keep traps away from pets & children



1. Put a small amount of bait (peanut butter or mutton fat) on the bait pan of the snap trap.
2. Place the baited end of the trap on the floor next to the wall, so it forms a "T" with the wall. Rodents prefer to run next to walls or objects for safety.
3. Check traps daily & dispose of dead rodents.



### Clean Up

Clean up rodent droppings & urine in your home



- Wear rubber gloves & spray urine or droppings with bleach solution (1.5 cups of household bleach in 1 gallon of water)
- Use paper towels to wipe up urine or droppings & dispose in a covered garbage can
- Mop or sponge the area with bleach solution
- Wash gloved hands with soap & water
- Remove gloves & wash hands with soap & water

For more information:

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<https://www.cdc.gov/healthy-pets/rodent-control/index.html>

