

What to Do After You Find a Mouse in Your Flat



Find how it got in and close it off

Getting a mouse out of your house is all well and good, but if you don't find how they got in, you'll be chasing mice forever.

Check the [common ways mice enter homes](#), like cracks in window sills and door frames or the iconic mouse hole in the wall, also consider places you wouldn't think of – a doggy door, piping in your kitchen or bathrooms or even walking right through an open door as a mouse only needs 5mm to get into a flat.

Once you find out how the mouse got in, make sure you fix the problem by filling in cracks, patch up holes and install screens on doors and windows so that mice can't sneak inside while they're open making sure a mouse can't get in the same way again.

Keep your apartment clean

Make sure you keep your apartment clean so that a mouse won't get into your food or have more places to hide.

Keep all of your food items tightly sealed or in the refrigerator or freezer, which means no bowls of fruit or open bags of chips. If possible, try to put all food items that aren't in the refrigerator or freezer into airtight containers, since mice can chew through bags and boxes.

Don't leave any dirty dishes laying around the house or even in the kitchen sink. Wipe down the kitchen counters often and make sure the trash doesn't get too full.

Reduce hiding spots

Keep as many items off the floor as possible by picking up clothes, shoes, bags, boxes, baskets, toys or anything else that doesn't absolutely need to be on the floor.

You should also sweep, mop and vacuum to keep crumbs and random small items off of the floor and move furniture away from the walls so a mouse can't hide behind it.

Install door sweeps or door brush strip on exterior doors, if the gap is larger than 4mm.

Set a trap or bait

There are various options here – most baits and traps can be purchased at a local store, and there are lots of different types and brands of each. Whichever you choose, place it in areas of high activity or where you have found mouse droppings – usually in dark places like corners or under and behind furniture.

Baits are a sure way to get rid of the mouse and generally come in three forms – liquid, block and pellets. Liquid bait can be mixed with water and is especially effective if there's only a single source of water for the mouse to drink from. Bait blocks and pellets are most commonly used, because all you need to do is set it out and wait.

If you're concerned about a pet or child getting into it, you can contain it in a small bait station that has an entrance only big enough for the mouse.

It may take longer with a mouse trap, but you'll know when you catch it. If you don't want to use a traditional snap trap, there are live catch traps, glue traps and even electric traps to choose from. All of them work well, so it's up to you to pick what you want.

Check traps and bait often

Check your traps and baits multiple times per day as a mouse can carry diseases, so you want to get it out of your apartment as fast as possible.

Especially when using a glue or live catch trap, make sure you get the mouse out as soon as you can and of it's alive and afraid, it may urinate out of fear, which could spread diseases quickly.

Keep watch for the mouse once the bait is set out. Once a mouse takes the bait, it could lay to rest anywhere and if it isn't found your house could smell when it starts decomposing.

While it may not be fun finding a mouse in your apartment, you should be able to successfully get rid of it as long as you're prepared and take every precaution.

Failing the above

Please contact a certified pest controller to assist as the issue is in your flat, management won't be able to assist. You can use <https://bpca.org.uk/find> or you can contact one of our approved contractors <https://www.pestgone.co.uk/>

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