

The Rodent Risk to your Business

A rodent infestation in your premises can damage your business reputation and lead to a loss of revenue.

Rodent activity in your premises can:



Contaminate and damage stock and building infrastructure



Transmit a number of serious diseases and parasites



Compromise structural integrity as burrowing or nesting activity can weaken retaining walls, sewers and embankments



Potentially gnaw on materials such as metal, wood or even electrical and data cables



Rodents can carry a wide range of disease-causing organisms, including many species of bacteria, viruses and parasites such as protozoans and worms.

They also act as vectors for many diseases via ectoparasites such as fleas, ticks, lice and mites, as well as some diseases carried by mosquitoes.

There are many ways that we can catch diseases from rodents:

- Inhalation or direct contact with rodent excrement (urine, faeces, saliva)
- Handling or inhaling microorganism particles that are airborne
- Bites, scratches, or stings from rodents — microorganisms carried in saliva can infect both humans and other animals
- Drinking water or eating food that's been contaminated by rodents



The difference between Mice and Rats

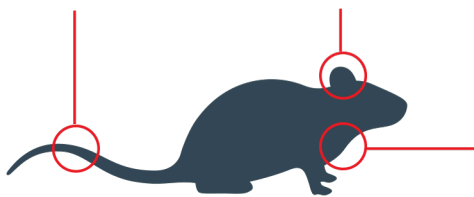
Mouse

Living Habits

Mice build their nests in burrows.

Long thin tail covered in hairs

Large Ears



3 - 10cm

Weight

12-45g

Covered in short hairs with lighter coloured bellies

Breeding

14-16 pups per litter



7-8 litters per year



Droppings

Shape: Pointed end



1-3 mm



80 droppings per day

Eating Habits



3g of food per day



Can survive on 3mm of water per day

Mice Breeding

Litter size: **4-16**

No. of litters per year: **7-8 per year**

Time to maturity: **8-12 weeks**

Rat

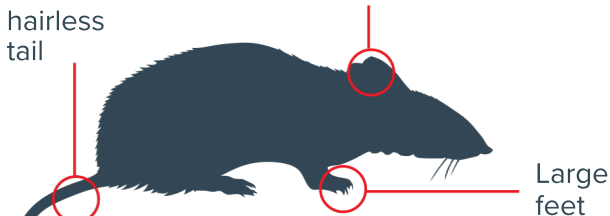
Living Habits

Black rats build their nest high up.

Brown rats like to be close to the ground.

Thick, hairless tail

Small Ears



16 - 40cm

Weight

150-300g

Large feet

Breeding

5-10 pups per litter



3-6 litters per year



Droppings

Shape: Spindle



3-8 mm



40 droppings per day

Eating Habits



15-30g of food per day



Drinks between 15-60ml per day

Rats Breeding

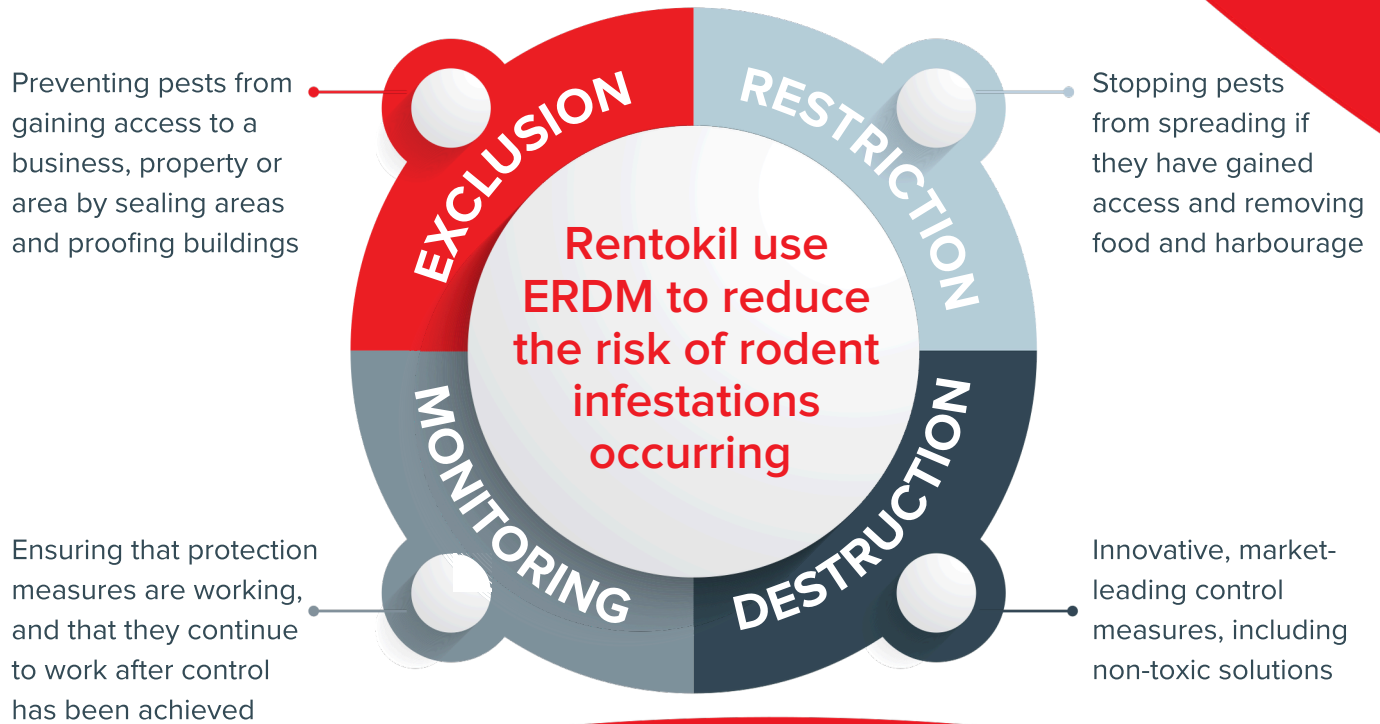
Litter size: **7-8**

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Reducing the rodent risk within your business

Rentokil
The Experts in Pest Control



Practical steps you can take to reduce your risk



Seal openings, gaps and holes with rodent-proof materials



Ensure loading doors and docks seal flush to the ground and sides



Fill any expansion gaps in floors with a suitable sealant, especially wall-floor junctions



Screen/cover outdoor vents



Keep all doors closed when not in use, especially at night



Keep vegetation trimmed to eliminate rodent hiding places



Store grains, cereals and other dry foods in airtight containers



Clean kitchen worktops daily



Remove clutter in storage areas to reduce rodent hiding places



Keep outdoor rubbish bins/skips tightly sealed



Remove any obvious water sources to limit rat activity e.g fix leaky drains

Future Proofing Your Business

Rentokil

PestConnect: Intelligent Pest Control That Doesn't Cost the Earth



PestConnect RADAR

Unique **24/7** monitoring, non toxic and humane catch and despatch mouse control system.



Dual AutoGate Connect

Allows for strategic external baiting to monitor and control target rodents **365** days of the year, whilst reducing the risk of non target species poisoning.



T-Rex

Specially designed to effectively capture rats and instantly notify our technicians of activity, so they can intervene before the problem escalates.



myRentokil Reporting

Provides insights into pest history and recommendation status, which gives the information needed to help us better protect your business.



Connected 24/7 Monitoring & Control

Our **Intelligent** connect offering effectively monitors and controls rodents 24/7, saving you time and money dealing with costly infestations.



Expert Technicians

With over **800 expert technicians**, Rentokil can provide a rapid response nationwide, through the local and consistent availability of staff.



Unique and Effective Products

Tailored to your site and your needs, PestConnect provides a **real-time, early warning system** for the monitoring and control of rodents.



Intelligent Data

Intelligent data gathering allows for greater insights into pest issues allowing for a more targeted approach, as well as providing benchmarking across your estate.



Sustainable Solutions

We use a range of sustainable solutions, to effectively control rodents without harming the environment, saving up to 40% in rodenticide use and protecting your reputation.

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11.3K+ reviews