

Mice

What do they look like?

The common house mouse is light brown to grey and between 60 - 90mm long. The tail can add 100mm in length. Droppings are black, rod shaped and 3 - 6 mm in length.

Where do they live?

During the winter months mice live in nests inside buildings - usually where there is good access to food. Areas such as lofts or under floor boards are popular. Nests are made of cloth, wool and paper.

Generally mouse holes span 20 - 30mm in diameter, but they can squeeze through cracks as small as 5mm. Mice are usually heard at night, as this is when they are most active.

What do they eat?

Cereal products are their preferred food, although mice can eat anything. Mice will gnaw and rip open packets and contaminate food with their urine and droppings. Mice can also gnaw through wood to get to any source of food.

How do you get rid of mice?

It is important to get rid of mice quickly, before they damage pipe cables and insulation. It is possible to carry out the work yourself.

Mouse traps: Break- back traps are used to catch mice. For the most effective results, place several traps next to walls and bait with foods such as cereal, biscuit or chocolate. Mouse traps need to be examined daily and dead mice removed.

Please take extra care when setting up or handling mouse traps.

Poison: Can be bought from most garden centres or hardware stores. The poison should be stored in a safe and secure place away from children and pets. Wash hands thoroughly after use.

Pesticide treatments - always follow the instructions stated on the label.



Knowsley Pest Control Service:

We provide a free service for the treatment of mice in domestic properties. Fully trained pest control officers will survey the infestation, then place poison bait in the most appropriate places.