

Insect and Rodent Control Procedures



Purpose:

To ensure a safe and sanitary environment for all residents, staff, and visitors by preventing and managing insect and rodent infestations in our facility. This outlines preventive measures, routine inspections, and actions to take in the event of an infestation.

Prevention and Routine Maintenance

Regular Inspections

Weekly Facility Walk-Through: Designated staff will conduct weekly checks for signs of pests, including droppings, gnaw marks, nests, and visible insects. Areas of focus include:

- Food storage areas
- Resident rooms
- Common areas
- Garbage disposal areas
- Kitchens and dining rooms

Professional Pest Control Inspections

A licensed pest control service will perform quarterly inspections to identify potential issues before they become infestations.

Cleaning Protocols

Daily Cleaning Schedule: Our team will maintain a cleaning routine to minimize pest attraction. This includes:

- Removing food waste promptly after meals
- Regular vacuuming and mopping of floors
- Cleaning behind kitchen equipment and around storage areas
- Ensuring garbage emptied daily

Proper Food Storage

All food items will be stored in sealed containers, and kitchen staff will regularly rotate stock to avoid expired or spoiled items.

Facility Maintenance

Insect and Rodent Control. A pest control program will always be in effect. This program will effectively prevent insects, rodents, and other pests from entrance to, or infestation of, the facility

Maintenance staff will inspect and seal cracks, gaps, and holes in walls, floors, and ceilings that could allow entry for insects or rodents.

Regular trimming of shrubs, trees, and bushes near the facility to reduce harboring areas for pests. Waste and debris outside the facility should be cleared promptly.

Resident Education

Residents and their families will be informed about maintaining cleanliness in private spaces, particularly regarding food storage and waste disposal, to reduce pest attraction.

Pest Reporting and Response

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Staff Responsibility

All staff members must report any sighting of insects, rodents, or signs of infestations (droppings, damage) immediately to the facility manager.

Resident Reporting

Residents and family members are encouraged to report any pest sightings to staff members as soon as possible.

Immediate Actions Upon Discovery

Isolate the Area: If a pest is found, the affected area will be isolated, and food items removed. All activities in the area will be halted until the situation is addressed.

Inspection by Pest Control: A licensed pest control service will be contacted immediately to conduct a full inspection and provide recommendations for treatment.

Treatment of Infestations

Non-Toxic and Safe Solutions: Whenever possible, environmentally friendly and non-toxic pest control measures will be used, ensuring the safety of residents, particularly those with respiratory conditions or sensitivities.

Laundry and Linens: Place in biohazard bags and wash in highest heat setting with detergent and not allowing clothes or linens to sit in washer for a long period of time. Thoroughly and regularly cleaning your washer and dryer is an important step in preventing and eliminating pests. Washing machines can be cleaned by running the sanitizing cycle and using bleach and vinegar in an empty machine. Dryers can be cleaned using a vacuum both in the lint trap and inside the drum, and by wiping down the drum with vinegar and water.

Relocation of Residents: If necessary, residents in the affected areas may be temporarily relocated to prevent exposure to treatment chemicals or pests.

Thorough Cleaning: After the infestation is treated, the area will be cleaned thoroughly to remove any pest remains and prevent re-infestation.

Follow-Up

After treatment, pest control services will perform follow-up inspections to ensure the infestation has been fully eradicated. A report will be filed detailing the infestation and steps taken to resolve it.

Staff Training and Responsibilities

All staff will review this training on pest prevention, identifying early signs of infestation, and proper reporting procedures.

New hires will receive this training as part of their onboarding process.

Review and Updates

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to reflect new pest control technologies, changes in regulations, or any incidents that suggest improvements are needed.

Goal

Maintaining a clean, safe, and pest-free environment is critical for the well-being of our residents and staff. By adhering to the preventive measures outlined in this training and responding swiftly and appropriately to any infestations, we can ensure a high standard of care and safety for everyone in the facility.

Staff Signature: _____ **Date:** _____