

Rodent Prevention and Control Measures in Shopping Centres

1. Fundamental Measures

(a) Remove food sources for rodents

- Keep the premises clean and tidy;
- Keep food products in rodent-proof container (e.g. stainless steel) or cabinet during non-business hours;
- Dispose of food remnants and refuse properly in covered rubbish bins, which have to be cleared daily.

(b) Eliminate rodent harbourage

- Regularly check the false ceiling panels and replace the damaged ones;
- Partition a false ceiling into smaller compartments to restrict rodent movement;
- Maintain a clear space of at least 1 metre between a false ceiling and any articles/furniture to prevent rodents from travelling between the false ceiling and the floor;
- Regularly rotate the locations of long-term stored goods and storage boxes;
- Avoid accumulation of disused articles.

(c) Exclude rodents from shopping centres

- Use metal plates or cement to seal all openings left in the external walls, floors and ceilings after the installation of pipes, wires or split-type air conditioners;
- Lower the threshold clearance of doors to not more than 6 mm and affix metal kicking plates of at least 30 cm high to the lower edges of doors and door frames;
- Install wire meshes with apertures not larger than 6 mm to screen exhaust fans and ventilation louvers.

2. Supplementary Measures

(a) Trapping

- Use baited trapping devices (e.g. cages) to catch rodents at the places where rodents frequently visit.

(b) Poisoning

- Use rodenticides with caution. Strictly follow the application instructions on the label to avoid harming people and other animals.

Consider appointing a pest control company to handle rodent problems.