

## How to select a pest control company

Public health pests that are commonly encountered include mosquitoes, cockroaches, houseflies, rodents, fleas etc. For pest control service, there are many pest control companies in the market that you can choose from. However, in the absence of a regulatory system, the quality of service provided by these companies varies. You are advised to pay due consideration in selecting a pest control company.

Whenever a pest problem arises, you can ask a pest control company for assistance. When selecting a pest control company, you should consider the following factors:

- 1 a reputable company;
- 2 a company, preferably, specialised in providing pest control service;
- 3 a company which can provide information on the survey results, the designed control programme/method and the precautionary and safety measures;
- 4 a company which offers the use of non-chemical method, e.g. environmental improvement, to control pests whenever applicable;
- 5 a company which offers to use less toxic but effective pesticide, such as synthetic pyrethroid, when application of pesticide is needed;
- 6 a company which has employed personnel with specialised knowledge and technical skills in pest control; and
- 7 a company which provides a detailed price list. Price should not be the only criterion in selecting pest control companies.

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