

# Pest Control

## Part II Section B 5

### Policy statement.

We aim to provide a clean and safe environment by ensuring that every effort is made to maintain a vermin free Centre. We will endeavor to do this with the minimum use of chemicals.

### Considerations.

National Standards Section 2.9 (Building cleanliness, maintenance and repairs).

### Procedure.

- \* Equipment and especially food items will be properly stored so as not to attract vermin and pests.
- \* Refuse bins and disposal areas will be emptied and cleaned daily.
- \* Kitchen and food preparation areas and storage will be cleaned and maintained daily.
- \* All areas will be checked daily for signs of pests or vermin.
- \* Should any pests or vermin be identified then action shall be taken to rid the Centre of the problem by:
  - § Initially using non-chemical methods such as physical removal, maintaining a clean environment, and use of any non-chemical products.
  - § Low irritant, environmentally friendly sprays to be used minimally and only with adequate ventilation and preferably not in the presence of the children.
  - § Other methods such as the employment of a pest control company if deemed necessary by the management committee where the above methods have failed.
- \* If urgent the Supervisor or Coordinator may obtain a contractor from the committees list to address the problem.
- \* If non-urgent the Coordinator will bring the problem to the attention of the committee in their report and the committee will decide on the appropriate course of action.
- \* All parents will be notified of any use of chemicals.
- \* Any use of chemicals shall only be conducted outside the hours of the children's and staff presence in the building.
- \* All action will be taken to remove the children, staff and parents from the environment for as long as is safe and viable.

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