

# HOUSE MOUSE

## IDENTIFICATION

The typical house mouse weighs a half an ounce to one ounce and is generally six to seven inches long from nose to tail.

Their body fur is brownish grey while their belly fur ranges from white to dark

grey. The droppings of a house mouse are usually three to six millimeters in length.



## HABITS

A house mouse only travels twelve to fifteen feet within its territory. They are nocturnal and primarily eat at night. Mice are omnivorous and feed off of grains and seeds, but they will eat foods they find in your house as well. In just six months, a pair of mice can consume four pounds of food. Mice are known for gnawing on food packages, furniture, wires, and stored items. Behind rats, mice are the second most destructive vertebrates. Fires listed with an unknown cause are often related to a mouse. The greatest concern related to mice is contamination. Mice spread diseases such as salmonella, bacterial food poisoning, and are carriers of ratbite fever and tularemia.

## CONTROL

There are a variety of techniques used to control mice. These include environmental alterations and services provided by Speed Exterminating. Two basic methods used for controlling mouse infestations are baits and traps. Preventative options for mice include alterations to buildings and houses and keeping sanitation a priority.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ALTERATIONS

Basic mouse control involves sanitation. Sealed food containers, covered trash cans, and debris removal are very important. To keep mice from getting into buildings and houses includes sealing openings in foundations that are as small as one half inch. Filling access openings with coarse grade steel wool, caulk, or cement is an excellent preventative measure.

## PROVIDED SERVICES

Speed exterminating provides services for mouse problems. These include bait and traps. Rodenticide baits are strategically placed in areas where gnawing and droppings are evident to ensure mice are caught. Glue traps, mechanical traps, and snap traps are also effective methods for catching mice in unwanted areas.

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