




Rise of Rats During Lockdown



As operations are paused or access restricted, it's critical that buildings are safeguarded for when normal operations resume and unnecessary visits to hospitals are kept to a minimum.

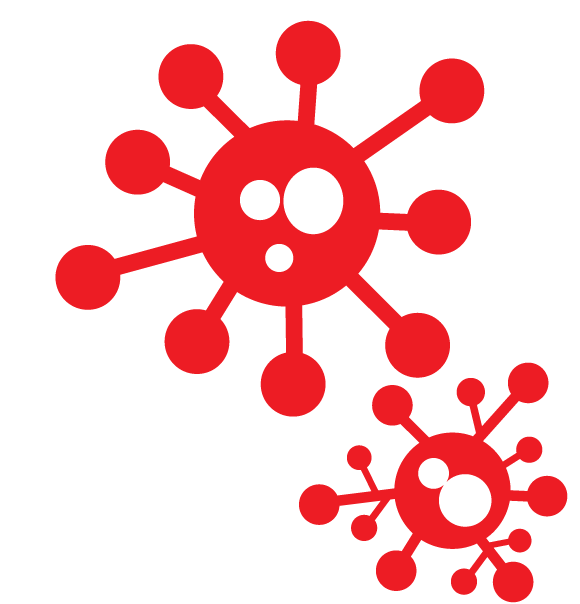
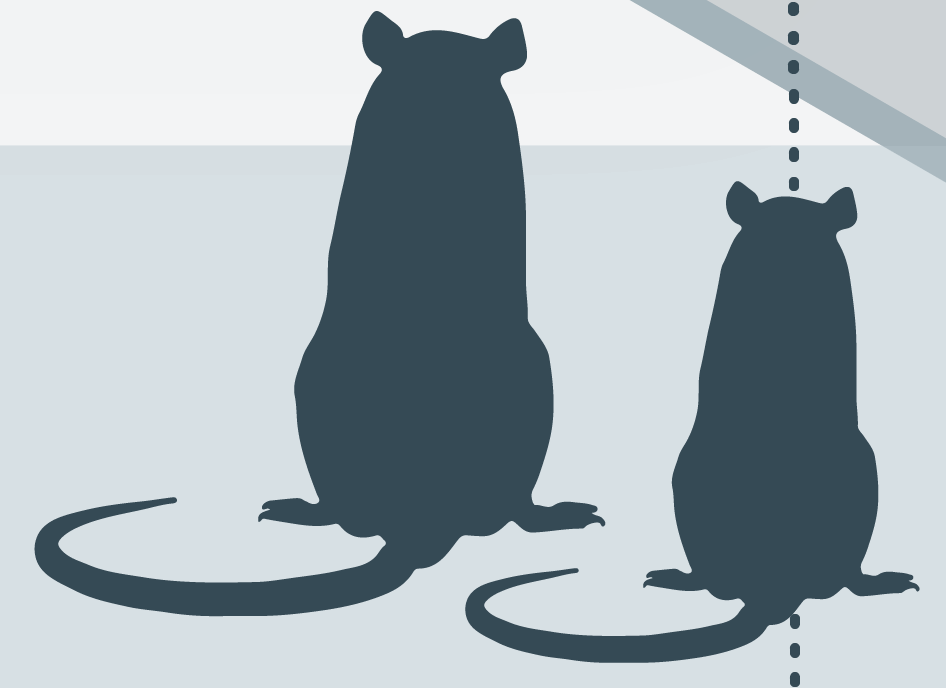
Rats pose a risk to all empty buildings

-  entry is easier and alternative sources of food and shelter can be found while establishments are closed
-  rats can harbour in the building's fabric, they breed quickly, making them harder to remove and more costly
-  rats can cause fires by chewing through electrical cables



The health risks of rats

Rats increase health risks and spread diseases



Salmonellosis
fever, diarrhoea, stomach cramps

Rat-bite fever
fever, sickness, headaches

Leptospirosis
(Weil's disease)
high fever, headaches, sickness

Hantavirus
fever, fatigue, muscle aches

bites or contact with rat faeces/urine lead to thousands of medical visits each year

The business risk of rats

Gnawed equipment/materials
Nearly half (49%) of reported electrical equipment damage is caused by rodents¹

20% of businesses suffer machine downtime due to rats³

70% of firms cited loss of reputation due to pest infestations as a concern or a high concern²

Cleaning costs
Rats produce up to 40 droppings per night

What can you do?

Contact the experts in pest control to discuss interventions, proofing and management strategies that include connected solutions and remote monitoring and minimise the potential for rat problems in your business.

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1 The Business Impact of Pests, Rentokil and CEBR Research by Option Matters, 2015
2 The Business Impact of Pests – Legislative Markets (Report) 2016
3 The Business Impact of Pests Rentokil and CEBR Research by Option Matters, 2015