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### Appoint a BPCA professional

The British Pest Control Association (BPCA) is the premier trade association for professional pest control companies in the UK.

By choosing a BPCA assessed member you can be assured that the services you receive are from a trained and trusted company that meets our strict membership criteria.

The right to display the BPCA logo is earned by our members, so ensure your contractor has it.

[bpca.org.uk/find](http://bpca.org.uk/find)

### A BPCA member will:

- Adhere to our industry Code of Practice
- Include detailed advice on pest prevention measures
- Provide comprehensive reporting systems covering all treatment aspects
- Meet legal and 'due diligence' requirements, comply with legislation and avoid possible prosecution
- Be safe, ensuring staff, customers and members of the public are protected through RISK and COSHH assessments
- Be carried out by a suitably trained and qualified expert committed to Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

# You need pest control. Here's why...

Pests have the potential to:



**Contaminate homes and workplaces, spreading disease**



**Damage products and foodstuffs, rendering them worthless**



**Damage property, causing fires and flooding**



**Ruin reputations, leading to loss of business and prosecution**



### Prevent contamination and disease

Insects, rodents and birds can easily contaminate food, operational equipment and work surfaces with their excreta, hairs or body parts. These are potential pathogens, spreading disease and giving rise to 'foreign body' complaints. Parasites carried by pest species can also be passed on to humans causing illness and stress.

**"If you followed a fly for a day, you wouldn't want to eat for a week!"**



### Safeguard your investment - pests can reduce the value of raw materials and supplies.

Rodents cause a wide range of damage due to their gnawing habits. Their strong teeth can easily puncture wood and aluminium, and can cause damage to property - even fires if electric cables are attacked. Rodents will also eat a wide range of foodstuffs, and can damage or contaminate many tonnes of product.

Insect infestations are also a major concern. Foodstuffs can be decimated by insects, with consignments being rejected and finished goods recalled if insect contamination is present. Insects can block production machinery, and the down time caused by the presence of insects in a food related site can be long and costly. Animal feeds can also be heavily damaged by insects.

Bird droppings and residues can also spread disease. Bird debris can damage buildings, prove unsightly and may cause slips and trips, leaving property owners open to prosecution. Nests can block guttering or chimney flues and will encourage a number of pest insect species that thrive in bird residues.

## Protect your reputation

- Your reputation and business may never recover from a pest infestation
- Prosecutions and fines for pest-infested premises attract media attention to your business
- The loss of consumer confidence may ultimately force closure



## Meet your legal requirements



Meet your requirements under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 to provide a safe working environment by employing a fully insured BPCA member who operates a safe system of work using suitable RISK and COSHH assessments.

Meet your requirements under the Food Safety Act 1990 and The Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006 to ensure adequate procedures are in place for pests by employing a BPCA member.

Meet your 'due diligence' requirements by using a comprehensive reporting system as provided by a BPCA member.

The penalties for failure to comply can be severe - complete and immediate closure of premises; fines of up to £20,000 or up to six months in prison!

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