



Rodent Mitigation Program



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1 Introduction

This document outlines SFU's Rodent Mitigation Program. The program aims to enhance awareness of rodent hazards, communicate conditions that contribute to rodent proliferation, control strategies at Simon Fraser University and the role of SFU employees in rodent Mitigation.

Rodents can pose a serious threat to property and health. According to BC Health Files, rodents should be avoided –



2 Health Hazards

Rodents can contaminate food and other areas with their droppings, urine and fur. Mice need only an opening of 6 mm (0.24") and rats only need an opening of 12 mm (0.47") to get through. These rodents are of concern because of the many serious diseases that are associated with them.



4 SFU Rodent Mitigation Program

Simon Fraser University has an ongoing rodent mitigation program that aims to address infestation before it becomes a problem. The Rodent Mitigation Program uses an integrated pest management approach that includes identifying the problem and developing an action plan for eradication and control. To identify the problem we look for:

- Physical sightings
- Droppings and the smell of urine
- Squeaking, scratching or gnawing noises in walls
- Damaged food products
- Burrowing around the exterior perimeters
- Visible gnaw marks on wood, plastic, wire sheathing and
- Bad or foul smell

Mitigation program strategies vary and are adapted to each situation. The strategies include

- cleaning and disinfecting the site to prevent further attraction;
- removing food and shelter;
- exterminating rodents via mechanical traps and rodenticides; and
- limiting access by rodent proofing.

A major element of the University program is a protocol for reporting rodent concerns.

4.1 Reporting Rodent Concerns and Evidence of Droppings

All employees are encouraged to immediately report sightings of rodent remains such as fur, droppings or urine. By reporting, the employees assist us in identifying the areas that require targeting. This targeted approach enhances the effectiveness of the rodent mitigation program.

4.1.1 Burnaby Campus



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Employees are also reminded that as a health precaution, they are not to touch dead or live rodents or rodent droppings. If the rodent is in the process of dying, employees may place a box over it, while waiting for a service response.

6 Program Monitoring and Review

All service requests and sightings are documented. The Pest Management Company provides reports of services rendered. The service requests and service reports are used to evaluate status of rodent infestation and to target areas with increased populations. Strategies for rodent mitigation are reviewed and revised as necessary. Where problem areas are identified, services are ramped up and when indicated by the conditions, extraordinary area disinfection is undertaken.