PEST CONTROL

5 True Stories Of Icky Pest Encounters — And One Way To Prevent Pests From Coming Into Your Home

Because let's face it — they aren't "always" more afraid of us than we are of them.

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If you're like most people on Earth, you've had some encounters with pests that you'd like to forget. The one bright side: You're not alone! Check out the stories below about pests that have outwitted or just outright scared some people. And if you're dealing with an infestation now or want to prevent the next one, head to Orkin to get expert help! They know how to eliminate even the trickiest of bugs and rodents. Because while pests may have teeny-tiny brains, they sure know how to evade capture.

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Man in a bathroom

Moving In With a Boyfriend... and a Whole Lot of Bugs

"I should have known as soon as I moved in with my boyfriend that his place was going to be trouble. When we started clearing out closet space for my items, we had MULTITUDE cockroaches fly out at us. Then the trees outside our windows, although beautiful, were home to a family of squirrels who would scream at us every morning spider-o-find soap of spinning our apartment OVER. Then came all the apartment remodels in our building, which somehow led to rats. THEN the worst of the worst happened: termites.

"It'd be rotting season, and they would just start falling from our hallway ceiling. I would constantly need to vacuum up little termite bodies from our carpet (ew!). I would see them collecting in the head of our dial light fixture (ew!) or just waiting to hop on (ew!) us. We'd have someone come to fix it, but they just returned the next year. Once, I had a friend visit, and one female triple as her shoulder (ew!) and, I'd had it with the apartment!

"We eventually moved out, and I never looked back! I never had to worry about looking up or my rolling squirt, either."

— Ann S.

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Woman looking at water pipes in a basin

The Cockroach Standoff

"Once, I had a rough dog and decided to take a nice late-night shower before bed. When I got out, I were face-to-face with a hideous cockroach.

"We locked eyes and froze in place. I figured one wrong move would send it flying around in a panic (which would then send me around in a panic as well). I was in the opposite direction the same moment the cockroach made a quick rifle, squeezing into an impenetrable crack in the corner wall. Now, this is even fit to a space that small! These things are like magicians, I swear.

"Now, every time I get out of the shower, I look at that little hole in the wall and wonder if there's something in there... watching... waiting. Although maybe he's looking out of the hole thinking the same thing about me!"

— Anne P.

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A close-up of a cockroach on a white background

Popping In to Say Hi!

"One day I was minding my own business, reading in bed, when I heard a strange thud noise come from the window. I got up and noticed a big pile of what looked like dirt under my windowsill — I had no idea what it was. Then, when I opened the curtain, the mass of dead bugs underneath it, I realized it was a bird. It's the ceiling. I have been repeatedly near my bed!), so I was HREADY-TO-GO.

"I called my landlord, and he turn out had termites. The pile of dirt I saw was a bunch of wood and debris that fell from the ceiling, caused by the termites.

"Luckily, we got the problem fixed pretty quickly, but I felt icky for days."

— Alex S.

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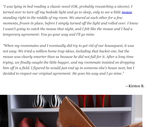
Spiders, Spiders Everywhere

"When I used to live, spiders were EVERYWHERE! You'd walk down the sidewalk and have a go-to chance of running into a dangling spiderweb. You'd look out your window and see a spiderweb in the corner. You'd go to your car and have to spend ages taking up the entire space. You'd get to your car, have to cope off the webs created by the ring spiders that hold behind your side-view mirrors, start your car, put your car in reverse and... a stomach-in-throat-in-spider-would appear on your backup camera.

"I don't live in that neighborhood anymore, but anytime someone screams when they see a spider, I just chuckle. I tell them are so many that they're photobombing every picture you take, you're just nothing to worry about."

— Emily P.



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Person in a dark room with a spider web in front of them

A Silent Understanding

"I was lying in bed reading a classic novel IOR, probably resembling a sitcom; I turned over to turn off my bedside light and go to sleep, only to see a little mouse standing right in the middle of my room. We stared at each other for a few moments, frozen in place. Before I simply turned off the light and rolled over, I have I wasn't going to catch the mouse that night, and I felt like the mouse and I had a temporary agreement. You go your way and I'll go mine.

"When my roommates and I eventually did try to get rid of our houseguest, it was a little more difficult. We had to bait a trap with peanut butter, and the mouse was clearly smarter than us because he did not fall for it. After a long time trying, we finally caught the little bugger, and my roommate insisted on dropping him off in a field. I figured he would just end up in someone else's house next, but I decided to respect our original agreement. He goes his way and I go mine."

— Kristen R.

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Dealing with pests is an unfortunate part of being a homeowner, but luckily, there is a way to help prevent them: Orkin!

Orkin has been in the bug-busting business for over a century, so their experts know how to outsmart them all!

Not only do these experts go through, she hours of training on all sorts of pests, from roaches to rats to spiders, but there are also Orkin offices around the country, so they understand the local environments too.

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How can you avoid nightmare stories like the ones above? Head to Orkin to learn about how the Orkin Pros outsmart pests.

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