

WAC 296-800-22020 Control pests in your workplace. (1) You must make sure each building in your workplace is constructed, equipped and maintained so it restricts pests from entering or living in it. Pests include animals such as:

- (a) Rodents (rats, mice, and squirrels).
- (b) Birds (starlings, pigeons, and swallows).
- (c) Insects (bees, wasps, and mosquitoes).

(2) You must take steps to effectively control pests in your workplace, if they are detected.

Carry out a continuing and effective control program in the areas of your workplace where pests have been detected.

- Note:**
- By handling dead or live pests including their waste products, attached parasites and other contaminated materials, your employees may be exposed to certain health risks. These risks include, but are not limited to: Hanta virus, rabies, lyme disease and psittacosis. Contact your local L&I office (see resource section of this book) or the public health department for more information about health risks and proper pest handling and disposal techniques.
 - "Workplace" includes storage areas.

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