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## **HYGIENE'S PEST CONTROL SERVICE IS SECOND TO NONE**

Did you know that Hygiene, the specialist contract cleaner for the food and pharmaceutical industries also provides a pest control service?

The essence of pest control is cleanliness, so it makes sense that Hygiene with all its cleaning expertise provides a pest control service as part of an integrated service package.



Like any Hygiene operation, the pest control service involves very thorough monitoring and inspection of the production environment to identify the type of pest activity present. The data found is then logged onto a database that provides information over time, over location and pest species which when compared to environmental factors allows the Hygiene team to anticipate and prevent future problems.

Once the monitoring and inspection has been completed, Hygiene then implement a safe pest control regime which is safe for people as well as non-target species such as cats, dogs and wildlife. Dave Maxwell, pest control manager explains, "Hygiene ensures that all chemicals used are safe and adhere to the COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) and COPR (Control of Pesticides Regulations) standards, stringent assessments are made before any chemical is handled or used."

"To ensure that the job we are doing is thorough we utilise an efficient and accurate computerised hand held monitoring system which helps us check the frequency with which pests appear in each of the monitoring stations. Additionally the monitoring system allows our staff to quickly and easily show customers that each and every trap has been checked to the agreed frequency.

As part of the service, Hygiene document all of its pest procedures and produce a manual which contains all information relating to monitoring frequencies and the methods of control taken. These detailed reports are presented at quarterly meetings to discuss progress. Dave Maxwell, continues, "Quarterly Review meetings with the client give us a realistic timeframe to work by. With some pest control situations we find that one or two months simply isn't long enough to guarantee whether a certain situation has been resolved for good. These meetings also provide us with an opportunity to discuss any issues that the customer may have."

Hygiene is very proud of the service they provide for their clients and ensure that any job that they do meet or even excel the stringent requirements of the quality management standard ISO 9000.

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