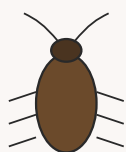




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Crawling Insect Identification Guide

Crawling insects hide in cracks and warm equipment, emerging at night. They contaminate surfaces and product and indicate hygiene and proofing gaps.



German cockroach

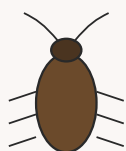
Blattella germanica

HOW TO SPOT IT

Small (12-15 mm), light brown, two dark stripes behind the head. Hides in warm humid cracks near motors and kitchens. Night-active.

WHY IT IS A PROBLEM

Carries Salmonella across food and surfaces. Triggers allergies and asthma. Breeds extremely fast - an immediate audit and health risk.



American cockroach

Periplaneta americana

HOW TO SPOT IT

Large (35-40 mm), reddish-brown, can fly short distances. Prefers warm damp areas - drains, basements, grease traps.

WHY IT IS A PROBLEM

Moves between sewage and food areas carrying pathogens. Presence in drains signals serious harbourage and drainage issues.



Ants

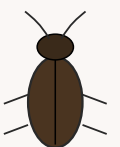
Formicidae

HOW TO SPOT IT

Small, in visible trails to food and moisture. Look for entry points along walls and pipework to sugary or protein sources.

WHY IT IS A PROBLEM

Contaminate product and packaging and are hard to exclude once trailing. Some nest in wall cavities and equipment.



Stored-product beetles

Tribolium, Sitophilus

HOW TO SPOT IT

Very small (2-4 mm) beetles or weevils in flour, grain and spices. Look for live insects, webbing or fine powder (frass).

WHY IT IS A PROBLEM

Infest and spoil bulk dry ingredients, causing rejection and recall risk. Indicate poor stock rotation and storage.

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