



## **Pest Control Program**

EH&S Environmental Public Health works with campus building managers, occupants and pest control vendors to help facilitate a quick and effective response to campus vertebrate, insect and other arthropod pest issues.

Harvard's Pest Control program consists of an integrated pest management approach, employing methods of prevention, exclusion, and monitoring, with suppression control measures used only if other methods do not result in the elimination of pests, or an acceptable reduction of their numbers.

Building managers play a large role in controlling pests. For each pest issue, a control measure implementation plan is developed by pest control vendors, working with building managers and operators. All stakeholders, including building occupants, are involved in the control activities of exclusion, sanitation, and other practices that deny pests access to food, water and harborage.

Physical and biological control measures may be specified depending on the pest, and chemical controls are only considered when other alternatives will not result in adequate control. This Integrated Pest Management approach helps to protect people, non-target organisms and physical resources from the health, safety and physical effects of pests, while reducing exposure to pesticides and their related concerns.

Harvard uses pest control vendors who have agreed to provide Integrated Pest Management services using effective and least toxic methods.