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Pest Prevention Best Practices for

BUSINESSES THAT SHARE WALLS & CEILINGS



- Keep exterior and interior doors that lead to shared hallways closed. Ensure all doors that lead to shared hallways have well-fitted and functioning door sweeps.** Insect and rodent pests can squeeze through small openings. Door sweeps will reduce pest access.
- Ask your property manager to establish, communicate, and enforce rules with all businesses regarding clutter and/or trash in shared hallways.** Clutter and trash attract pests and provide harborage.
- Annually, have your facilities maintenance team inspect above ceiling areas for openings in walls between businesses and seal them.** Openings can allow pests to gain access to ceilings and move into your business through ceiling voids. Your pest management company may also provide this service, potentially for a fee.
- Have your pest management company maintain rodent monitoring/control devices above ceilings along shared walls.** This will alert to potential issues before they spread into your business.
- Inspect shared wall regularly for evidence of pests, water leakage, or other damage.** Discuss problems with your neighboring property and involve your property manager to gain resolution.
- Place screens over heating and air vents to prevent pests from entering/exiting unit.** This will decrease the likelihood that a problem emanating in another area of the property can make its way into yours.
- Seal gaps around wires, conduits, and plumbing lines that come through walls, ceilings, and floors to prevent pests from using these to gain access.** Check behind and under cabinets for openings.
- Adhere to good sanitation and storage practices and maintain your structure to decrease pest attractions in your space.**
- If you have say in space design, try to keep shared walls free of immovable objects such as walk-in coolers.** Easy inspection of these walls is key to being able to seal new holes immediately.