

Norway rats, Roof rats & House mice are **PUBLIC HEALTH PESTS.**

They are known to spread more than **35** different diseases:

- ▶ Hantavirus
- ▶ Salmonella
- ▶ Food Poisoning
- ▶ Asthma
- ▶ Leptospirosis
- ▶ Hemorrhagic Fever
- ▶ Among many others



Norway rat



House mouse



Roof rat

DISEASE is **SPREAD** to humans directly through:

- ▶ Contact with rodent feces, urine, or saliva
- ▶ Handling of live or dead rodents
- ▶ Rodent bites
- ▶ Contaminated food
- ▶ Via fleas, ticks or mites that feed on rodents



PLAGUE & HANTAVIRUS:

Hantavirus disease can be deadly and typically transmitted to people when droppings, urine or nest materials are stirred up and become airborne. Human plague infections, via bites from infected rodent fleas, still occur throughout the state of California.

Responsible use of rodenticides is vital for the protection of citizens and businesses in California from the transmission of diseases, detrimental economic impacts & other damage from large populations of rodents.

Proper **PROFESSIONAL** RODENT CONTROL is **ESSENTIAL**

- 1** Out of control rodent populations put the Public Health of ALL Californians at risk.
- 2** Professional Pest Control operators are trained to select and safely apply rodenticides.
- 3** CA regulations have already removed the strongest anti-coagulants (SGAR's) from the hands of non-professional users.
- 4** A variety of tools are necessary to get and maintain control.
- 5** Non-chemical control (traps, exclusion) by itself, will be unable to keep rodents in check.



IN ADDITION TO HARMING THE PUBLIC HEALTH, FURTHER RODENTICIDE RESTRICTIONS WILL PUT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND A MILLION JOBS AT RISK

▶ **CA Restaurants Generate \$80 Billion Each Year:**

- They are extremely vulnerable to closure due to disease or loss of the public trust should rodents be indicated.



▶ **CA Tourism Generates \$40 Billion Each Year:**

- In addition to restaurants, hotels are also very vulnerable to closure and loss of public trust due to rodent infestations.



▶ **Hospitals & Schools Are Sensitive Accounts That Can NEVER Be Shut Down Due to Rodents**



▶ **Homeowners Throughout CA Will Be Unprotected:**

- Without access to a full array of professional pest control options, homeowners will be unable to adequately protect their families from rodent infestations.



Rodenticides were recently evaluated and **RESTRICTED** for USE by **PROFESSIONALS** in the State of California in 2014. With these measures now in place, CA should allow the full benefits of the restrictions to be realized.

ALLOW PROFESSIONALS ACCESS TO CRITICAL TOOLS AND AVOID PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC CATASTROPHES.