

# Glue Trap Guidance

Glue boards are the ideal rodent trap when all other methods have been proven ineffective. However, it is important to follow our recommended guidance to get the most out of your glue traps.

1. It is important to consider humane options before using glue traps; if other humane pest control methods have not proven to be successful then glue traps may be the most effective method to resolve your pest issue.
2. The glue traps need to be checked frequently (max every 12 hours, including weekends and holidays). It is also advisable to keep a log of when the trap is checked. You may find it necessary to reassess these intervals if you notice any signs of undue suffering and/or serious physical harm to the rodents.
3. It's advisable to have a contingency plan in place to ensure that if you are unable to check the glue traps for a long period of time, a friend, family member or neighbour is aware so that they can check and dispose of any caught rodents effectively.
4. To avoid capturing species other than rodents and/or cockroaches it is important to place the glue traps in areas with the most rodent activity and very little activity from other animals. This will ensure that no risk is presented to animals you do not wish to capture.
5. It would be a good idea to keep a record of the location of any glue traps around your home. This will make the frequent checks easier and will be handy to give to a friend or family member as a reference if you are away.
6. It is important that, if a rodent is caught, they are removed quickly and humanely. This can be done with a sharp blow to the head with a blunt instrument to ensure that no suffering is felt by the animal.
7. In the event that a non-target animal becomes trapped, a suitable food oil or similar emollient can be applied to the animal for removal. This animal should only be released at their site of capture, not elsewhere, and only if they appear to be physically unharmed and their release is not prohibited by law.
8. All glue traps must be removed after the rodent problem is resolved. It would be a good idea to check back over your records that show the locations of the traps to make sure that they have all been removed.
9. Glue traps should be disposed of with care. To dispose of them safely the sticky surface should be covered to avoid accidentally trapping a non-target animal. The glue traps should also be disposed of in accordance to the requirements of your local waste authority.