

Recommendations for protection against collection pests

- Sealing windows and keep them closed if possible!
- Sealing doors!
 - if necessary, provide with “brush seals” made of synthetic bristles or foam material
 - do not use door and window seals made of natural bristles or felt
- Clean rooms regularly (especially corners)!
- Replace cleaning materials (brooms, brushes, rags...) regularly!
- Store cleaning materials as far away from the collection/depot as possible!
- Set up educational areas with “hands-on” objects as far away from the collection/depot as possible!
- Empty waste bins regularly, dispose of Hoover bags (!)
- Store transport and cushioning material as far away from the collection/depot as possible!
- Check cushioning material regularly and freeze if necessary!
 - Packaging chips made of starch flour (rice/corn flakes) offer ideal living conditions for various collection and storage pests (paper fish!), therefore it is better to use packaging chips made of polystyrene.
 - Textile padding materials (cleaning wool, woollen blankets) provide ideal living conditions for various collection pests (clothes moths, fur/carpet beetles)
- Monitor with adhesive and pheromone traps in collection rooms, but also in the rooms with cleaning equipment as well as upholstery, shipping and transport materials!
- Place adhesive barriers under windows
- Birds' nests and dead birds are a breeding ground for collection pests, but also dead small mammals, spiders and insects (e.g. houseflies)
 - No bird nests in the vicinity of collections.
 - Remove or close disused chimneys and flues.
 - Secure functioning chimneys and flues with grates.
 - Remove dead insects (e.g. on windowsills, but also - if possible - in lampshades and lamp covers)
- Joints and crevices in floors are collection points for house dust and dust fluff and thus provide ideal living conditions for various collecting pests. Therefore, close the gaps; if this is not possible, vacuum them out regularly!
- Freeze collection objects regularly (-30°C, 1 week) - not suitable for objects with several layers of paint, with varnish (e.g. shellac) and composite materials or pieces containing easily rusting metals.
- **No collection access without quarantine!!!**