

## Why control birds:

The presence of birds constitutes a serious health risk to humans for a number of reasons including the potential of microspore and disease contamination by their faeces in areas frequented by humans.

Birds and their nests are a haven for many other pests. Nests attract carpet beetle and other insects which invade and cause damage and distress indoors. Sparrows and Pigeons can also carry general species of bacteria, including Salmonella, which causes food poisoning.

Pigeons are carriers of Ornithosis, very commonly caught by people and normally diagnosed as the flu.

Bird droppings make pavements, walkways and staircases dangerous and are often the direct cause of broken limbs. It is especially important to keep external fire escapes free of bird droppings.

## **Post Treatment Recommendations**

- DO NOT disturb blocking material put in place
- **DO NOT** leave feed in open sight of birds, e.g. old fruit dropped from trees, spillages of food product etc.
- **DO NOT** wash down dust from nesting area where treatment for bird mite has been carried out.
- **DO NOT** disturb dusting chemical around the nesting site where treatment for bird mite has been carried out.
- DO clean bird droppings from around the nesting site to deter birds from returning

If there are any tradespersons work in the vicinity of the blocking point, be sure to tell them not to disrupt any treatment.