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# Mice in the house.

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This TV viewer sounded very unhappy. So I sent my staff and camera out to find out more about getting rid of mice, and we discovered some very interesting things.

Mice can live several years, and make up to 65+ babies.

You can kill them in a snap catch, you can catch them in live traps and release them in the wild, or you can poison them. The first photo shows a special poison protection system. There is a little entry on each side and the bait is in the middle of a sealed box. This keeps your pets and kids safe from the bait. Professionals will even use boxes that require a key to open if you have small kids around. One entrepreneur has invented a snap trap that has a lever to allow you to open the trap without touching the mouse.

There are two important things about mice that will help you to set your traps successfully. Mice are almost blind, hence they don't go more than 6 to 8 feet from their nest. If you see droppings, they are living in the area. And secondly, because of this sight problem, they tend to hug the walls when they walk. Knowing this, you should place your snap traps pointing right into the wall and tight up against the wall so they literally stumble into the trap. For the live traps, or the poison boxes, be sure to set the entrance doors right against the wall. They will go in without even realizing it. Three inches away it is going to take some mighty fine cheese to get them to wander out to your trap.

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