

## Why are there so many Moth around?

- ☉ Moths are nature's 'clean-up' men, clearing away the remains of insects and other animals.
- ☉ This is why they're attracted to the **natural fibres** in our homes...carpets, clothes, rugs and throws.
- ☉ Our houses are **better insulated** than ever before...
- ☉ And the last 5 winters have been some of the **warmest on record.**
- ☉ So, the normal **low-level** activity which would previously have gone unnoticed...
- ☉ ...has recently **ballooned** into serious infestations.

## What can we do?

- ☉ In-depth **survey**
- ☉ **Removal and disposal** of any infested material including fitted carpets and underlay
- ☉ **Professional cleaning** of the infested areas
- ☉ Industry-standard residual **insecticide** treatment
- ☉ Insect **desiccant** treatment
- ☉ **ULV Fumigation**
- ☉ Long-term **breeding control pheromone** programmes

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## How do moths cause damage?

- ☞ Moths have a life-cycle of full metamorphosis that sees them go from eggs, to **larvae**, to pupa, to adult...which is when we see them fluttering about
- ☞ But it is when a moth enters the **larval stage** of its life-cycle that it begins to feed on our carpets and clothes
- ☞ It will choose any **natural fibre** it can find such as hair, fur, feathers, cotton and wool
- ☞ The softer and more untreated the fibre (e.g cashmere or merino) the more attractive it is.



## What steps can I take?

- ☞ Remove any infested material that you find
- ☞ Ideally you'd dispose of it
- ☞ Or you can...
  - Dry-clean / Hot-wash / Freeze (as long as the material reaches a minimum of -17°C)
  - Vacuum up as many of the eggs and frass as possible
  - Set traps to monitor the level of activity in the different areas of the house



## What to look for?

- ☞ Moths like **warm, dark, undisturbed** places...
- ☞ ...laying their eggs as close to the **food source** as possible.
- ☞ Under and behind **furniture**...
- ☞ The **edges** of the floor where the carpet meets the wall...
- ☞ The **loft** and **eaves** spaces where offcuts of carpet are often to be found...
- ☞ If moths are present you'll find **eggs** and **frass** (a silk-like webbing that looks like cotton wool)
- ☞ If it's really bad you'll see the tell-tale **bare patches** in the carpet
- ☞ You may even see some **larvae** and catch them in the act
- ☞ Any good Pest Controller will know where to look but there's no reason why you should not do some detective work yourself...
- ☞ ...but don't forget to take your torch!