



Pest Control Policy for Parish Dental Practice

1. **Purpose:** This policy is designed to ensure that the premises of Parish Dental Practice remain free from pests, maintaining a safe and hygienic environment for patients, staff, and visitors.
2. **Scope:** This policy applies to all employees, contractors, patients, and visitors to Parish Dental Practice.
3. **Policy Statement:** Parish Dental Practice is committed to maintaining a clean and hygienic environment that is free from pests. A systematic and proactive approach will be employed to manage and mitigate the risks associated with pests.
4. **Identification of Pests:** The presence of rodents, insects (like cockroaches, ants, flies), or any other pests within the dental practice premises is unacceptable. Regular checks will be conducted to identify any signs of pests, including droppings, nests, damages to food packages, and sightings.
5. **Prevention Measures:**
 - All food items will be stored in sealed containers.
 - Waste will be disposed of regularly and bins will be cleaned and disinfected.
 - Regular cleaning schedules will be maintained.
 - Entry points such as windows, doors, and vents will remain sealed or covered when not in use.
 - Water leaks and spillages will be addressed promptly.
6. **Regular Inspections:** The practice premises will undergo regular inspections by a qualified pest control professional. This will be conducted semi-annually or more frequently if necessary.
7. **Procedure in Case of Pest Detection:**
 - If any staff member identifies a pest or sign of pest activity, they should report it immediately to the designated person or management.
 - A qualified pest control professional will be contacted to assess the situation and initiate appropriate extermination methods.
 - Affected areas will be cleaned and disinfected promptly.
8. **Documentation:** All pest control activities, including inspections, findings, and actions taken, will be documented. These records will be retained for a minimum of three years and will be available for review by relevant authorities.
9. **Employee Training:** All staff will receive training on the Pest Control Policy upon induction and as part of their ongoing training. This includes the importance of pest control, identification of common pests, and the procedure to follow when a pest is detected.
10. **Review:** This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and to include any new practices or changes in regulations.

Policy written by **Dr Pavan Amar Singh Bhogal GDC: 273704**

April 2023

Updated Yearly

