

# Pest Control Service

## Advice Sheet 5

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## Fleas

### General Information

About 1400 species of fleas have been identified in Britain. All adult fleas are external parasites of warm-blooded mammals and birds.

All adult fleas are wingless and vary in colour from greyish to dark brown. They have long particularly well-developed back legs which the flea to jump long distances both vertically and horizontally.

### Safety Precautions

The following precautions will minimise any risks to occupants and pets and maximise the efficiency of the insecticide:

- Do not vacuum for at least 48 hours following treatment.
- Do not walk around the treated room with bare feet while the spray is still wet.
- Keep toddlers and young children off the floor immediately following treatment.
- If you or a member of your family comes into contact with the spray wash your hands thoroughly.

### Treatment

Your property has been treated with K- Othrine an insecticide recommended for use in domestic premises.

It is applied in the form of a water-based spray that is colourless and odourless. It will not damage surfaces onto which it is sprayed. K-Othrine is sprayed around the affected rooms and at the base of walls and around furniture. Particular attention is given to small gaps and those areas identified as hiding places for the pest.

For best results do not vacuum for at least 48 hours following treatment.

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