

# Educational facilities: areas at risk

Managing an educational facility can be challenging. Safeguard your facility, students, and staff by eliminating disruptive and costly encounters with pests such as mice, bed bugs, cockroaches, ants, and more.

Discover areas where pests pose the biggest threat using our risk map – a great resource to explore and share with personnel who oversee your facility’s pest prevention efforts.

## Top 5 hot spots

1. Cafeteria/dining areas
2. Locker rooms
3. Dorm rooms
4. Classrooms/meeting rooms
5. Exit/entry doors



## Key risks to your facility - these pests have the potential to cause safety and health risks.



**Ants** - Ants can contaminate food and surfaces. Some species can inflict bites and stings. Others can infest equipment that may cause electrical disruptions.



**Birds** - Droppings can be a slip and fall hazard and may contain harmful pathogens. Nesting materials and feathers can damage equipment and pose a potential fire risk.



**Flies** - Flies are known vectors of disease and can potentially spread pathogens wherever they land.



**Bed bugs** - Bed bug encounters can seriously impact a school’s reputation and can potentially lead to liability claims or legal action.



**Rodents** - Mice and rats may carry disease-causing pathogens and can contaminate food and surfaces. They can also damage equipment, wiring, and structures.



**Cockroaches** - These pests can contaminate food and surfaces and may carry pathogens such as *E. coli* and *Salmonella*.

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