If you know what to do, you can avoid most pest problems in your home. Follow these steps:

1. **Identify and monitor** the pest.
2. **Sanitize and keep your home clean.**
3. **Exclude pests by sealing entry points.**
4. **Control pests by trying non-chemical methods first, then using pesticides if necessary.**

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Identify: Scorpions have eight legs, pincers, and a long tail with a stinger.

Sanitize: Keep grass closely mowed near the house.

Exclude:
- Prune bushes and tree branches.
- Make sure rain drains away from the house.
- Use caulk or steel wool to seal openings around plumbing pipes and any other openings where pests can enter your home.
- Keep screens on doors and windows in good repair.
- Keep doors and windows around the foundation.
- Apply a pesticide outside around the foundation.
- Keep outside door(s) and porches and doors and windows under roof clean.
- If you can see daylight around outside doors, replace the weather stripping and/or door threshold.
- If scorpions remain a problem, hire a professional pest control service.

Control:
- Sanding any other openings where pests can enter your home. Keep doors and windows around the foundation.
- Repair plumbing leaks.
- If scorpions remain a problem, hire a professional pest control service.
- Apply a pesticide outside around doors and windows, under roof eaves, under decks and porches, and around the foundation.

Before you buy or use any pesticide, read the label carefully. Be sure the product is labeled for the site and the pest you will treat. The pest you will treat is scorpions. Use caution when handling pesticides. Store outdoor garbage cans in a secure location. Store your pesticides in a secure location. Wear gloves to avoid being stung.