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. Try non-chemical methods first, then using pesticides if necessary.

Other pests in the ISEC Home Pest Management Series:
- Ants
- Carpenter Ants
- Cockroaches
- Fleas
- Pantry Pests
- Silverfish
- Scorpions
- Small Flies
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New Other pests in the ISEC Home Pest Management series:

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If spiders remain a problem, hire a professional pest control service. Identify:

- Orb weaver
- Jumping spider
- Black widow
- Brown recluse

Sanitize:

- Regularly clean floors and their webs.
- Remove spiders and their webs.
- Regularly clean areas that normally remain undisturbed, such as attics.
- Scrap and clean storage closets.
- Scrap and clean garages.
- Keep supplies in good repair.
- Keep window screens on doors and windows.

Control:

- Inside the home, spray an insecticide along baseboards, in corners, and inside storage closets.
- Outside the home, use an insecticide around doors and windows, under roof eaves, under decks and porches, around doors and windows under outside storage closets.
- Keep screens on doors and windows.
- If you can see daylight around outside doors, replace the weather stripping around doors and windows. Under outside doors, replace the weather stripping around. If spiders remain a problem, hire a professional pest control service.

Exclude:

- Keep outside lights off at night. Or, use yellow lights that don't attract the insects spiders feed on.
- Keep screens on doors and windows.
- Inspect boxes, furniture and other items for spiders before bringing them into your home.

These spiders are beneficial:

- Jumping spider
- Brown recluse
- Black widow

These spiders are dangerous:

- Orb weaver
- Black widow

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