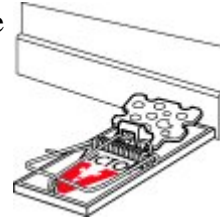


# Expert Tips for Victor Mouse Traps

**1. Location, Location, LOCATION!** The most important rule for the effective use of traps is good trap placement location based on thorough inspections to determine the high-activity areas of rodents.

Spacing traps evenly every 10 feet may appear visually as “thorough coverage and protection” of the room. However, such placements make little sense if the majority of mouse activity is actually located in only a small corner of the room behind clutter.



**2. Number of Traps** The most common trapping mistake is using of too few traps. For only a couple of mice, a dozen traps are not too many. For severe mouse infestations, traps should be placed close together in double sets in areas of high activity. About 1 inch of space should separate the two traps. These double sets help capture those rodents that attempt to jump over traps, a very common occurrence.

**3. Importance of the First Night** Statistics show that more mice are trapped on the first night than on any other night. After three or four nights of trapping, the catch may drop to zero. For this reason, it is essential to use a large number of traps initially.



**4. Offer Multiple Bait Choices** When many rodents are involved, different types of baits should be used. Individuals in a rodent population forage for different types of food. Therefore, it pays to divide the traps up and bait some percentage with meats such as bacon bits, some with peanut butter smudges, and some with nesting material like dental floss. Bait that matches what the rodents are currently feeding on should also be used (potato chips, e.g.).

**5. Secure Baits** If a particular rodent population responds to piece-style baits, such as meats, crackers and candy pieces, tying the bait securely to the trigger will prevent the rodent from stealing the bait without setting off the trigger. For baits that cannot be tied like peanut butter, it is best to use small amounts.



**6. Monitor Activity** Check traps regularly and continue to trap until signs of rodent activity dissipate.

**7. Always Wear Gloves** Human odors on traps are not likely to deter rodents as our odors are present on the various objects rodents investigate and consume. Moreover, the odors associated with human touch only last for a few hours. However, for personal hygiene and biohazard awareness, disposable gloves should always be worn when installing or recovering any traps.