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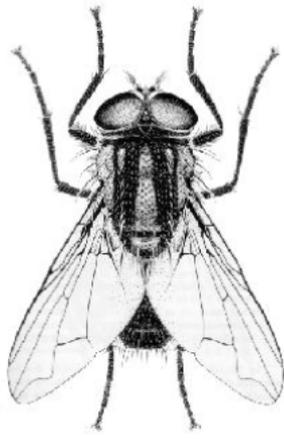
Our Pest Awareness Series offer informative, easy to understand information on a range of problem pests.

We aim to keep you in control and as well as maintain a safe and healthier environment for your immediate surrounding.

Our Pest Awareness Sheet presents facts on:

- Overview
- Ecology and Habit
- Breeding Cycle
- Health Risk

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Housefly (*Musca Domestica*)

Overview

The housefly is widespread in Australia and probably the most annoying flying indoor pest. The abundance of houseflies in an area is sometimes used to indicate the general sanitary standards of that area.

Ecology

Flies may be found breeding in vegetation (growing or decayed), in decaying organic matter (animal excrement, compost, leaf litter, garbage), in human food and on other animal's bodies.

Lifecycle

The adult is about 4 - 8mm long. Within a week of reaching adulthood and mating, the female housefly begins egg-laying of about 100 eggs. The length of adult life is about 2 - 4 weeks.

Habit

Flies are more active during daylight or in artificial light. They are slow-moving and inactive in the dark. Their movements and behaviour as adults are mostly influenced by temperatures, humidity, light and wind. They are often found resting in warmer parts of buildings.

Health Risks

Apart from being a nuisance to people, flies may carry diseases such as:

- Dysentery
- Cholera
- Salmonella food poisoning
- Typhoid fever
- Hepatitis
- Tuberculosis
- Poliomyelitis
- Various parasitic worms



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