

## Merthyr Self Storage Vermin and Insect Policy – June 2020 – Present

Our additional storage insurance automatically includes cover for damage caused by moth and vermin for spaces which are accessed internally, providing peace of mind that your belongings will be protected. The general FO cover will not cover vermin and insect damage. However, there are several steps you can take yourself to pest proof your storage and minimise the risk of damage from unwanted visitors.

Our site is situated in a remote area and during cooler seasons such as autumn and winter an increase in vermin is possible. Merthyr Self Storage takes every precaution to ensure our site is vermin free however on occasions this is unavoidable. We do have a current contract with pest control who make regular visits and carry out patrols of the site to ensure we are preventing vermin from entering the premises.

All our Corten steel containers are airtight so this would ensure vermin cannot make their way into the unit unless it has been left open, our lockers do have very small gaps underneath the door, and it is possible for vermin to enter these units however it is very rare as our locker area is closed during the night but does not rule out the possibility. We encourage all customers to ensure their goods are insured whilst in storage as the FO insurance policy does not cover damage against vermin and moth.

Before you place any of your belongings into storage, have a look around inside and outside the space to make sure there is no sign of any previous rodent activity. Mice can fit through the tiniest of gaps so try to ensure that there are no access points which they could fit through. Make sure that your storage unit is thoroughly swept out before you start putting anything away. Please ensure that prohibited goods are not being stored such as food and drinks products.

Protect soft furnishings by wrapping them in strong plastic sheeting before you put them away. Not only will it offer an extra layer of protection against dust and marks, if there are any mice in your space, furnishings will be protected from droppings and stains as well.

If your storage space is accessed internally, you will benefit from moth and vermin cover when you take out a storage insurance policy via our website. This covers you against loss or damage to your items caused by moth and vermin which has come from a source outside. Even if you do have this cover in place, it is still a good idea to try and prevent problems as much as possible rather than rectify them by following the advice above. If you need storage insurance be sure to get an instant quote from our website under storage insurance.