

# Environmental Health Advice Note

## PEST CONTROL SERIES

### **Common House Spider** *Tegenaria domestica*

Spiders are unfortunately one of those creatures that some people find unpleasant, especially the larger ones.

The spider that causes the most alarm is the Common House Spider, mainly due to its size (5-6cms leg span). It can be found where there is sufficient humidity such as bathrooms and outhouses, under the eaves and in stone walls all year round.

Specimens seen running across the floor are merely chance visitors and would be unable to establish themselves because the atmosphere is too dry for them in the home.

Because of their poor eyesight it should be easy to catch the spiders in a jar or similar vessel. When caught they should be set free.

There are no species of spider living naturally in this country that are dangerous to man, in fact they are beneficial as they perform the important task of keeping insects in check.

