

 <b>West Lothian Council</b>	<b>Environmental Health</b>		<b>SUBJECT: INSECT PROOF SCREENING FOR DOORS AND WINDOWS</b>
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		Pest Control/Dog Warden	

## Information Sheet FH03

### Insect-proof Screening for Doors and Windows

#### Introduction

Insects carry dirt and bacteria which can cause food poisoning. Their bodies, webbing and excrement contaminate and spoil large amounts of food. Insects of all types must be kept away from food.

A common way for insect to get into food areas is through open doors and windows. This can be prevented by using insect proof screens, but they must be of the right type and installed properly.

#### Legal Requirements

The Food Hygiene Regulations say that openings such as doors and windows in rooms where open food is prepared must be screened if they could let insects in. This is normally only applied to doors and windows which are routinely left open for access or ventilation – so not all openings need screens, only those which cause a problem by letting insects in.

The legal requirement does not apply to dining areas – though it may still be a good idea.

#### Guidance

There are many different types and systems available for insect proof screening. Some work better than others, and prices vary widely, so it pays to shop around. We recommend using a reputable company who can show good experience in this specialist work. Ask if they can supply details of other satisfied customers in your area.

There are even DIY kits available, but these are often of a lower quality and may not do the job as well or last as long as a professionally installed system.

Whatever style you opt for it must be made of suitable materials, and installed in such a way that it can be thoroughly cleaned.

## Further help

If you want to discuss this in more detail, or if you need any further help or information, then please contact us on 01506 282500 and we will try to help. A list of known suppliers is given below. National companies usually have local agents who do the work for them. We do not recommend any particular company, and there may be other suppliers in the area that we are not aware of.

Known Suppliers – check for local suppliers, the following are known.

Name	Address	Contact Details
Arco East of Scotland	Avon Mill Industrial Estate, Mill Road, Linlithgow Bridge, EH49 7QY	Tel: 01506 844661
Bishops	Roslyn House, 1a Victoria Circus, Glasgow, G12 9LH	Tel: 0141 339 9863
Catering Hygiene Specialists	41 Hyde Green, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, HP9 2EP	Tel: 01494 673990 <a href="http://www.cateringhygiene.co.uk">www.cateringhygiene.co.uk</a>
Environmental Health Solutions	2 Rose Terrace, Stenhousemuir, FK5 4DW	Tel: 01324 562871
Flydor Products	Priory Works, Newton Street, Newton St Faith, Norwich, Norfolk, NR10 3AD	Tel: 01603 897799 <a href="http://www.flydor.co.uk">www.flydor.co.uk</a>
Flyguard Screens Limited	Park View, Mulberry Gardens, Methley, Leeds, LS26 9ED	Tel: 01977 604555 Fax: 01977 604 545
Knowe Park Caravans	(3) Hardie Road, Livingston, West Lothian, EH54 8BA	Tel: 01506 411827
Mainline Screens	19 Medway Drive, Valley Park, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, SO53 4SR	Tel: 01703 267846 <a href="http://www.mainlinescreens.co.uk">www.mainlinescreens.co.uk</a>
Midge & Fly Screen Co	Clearwater House, Roshven, Lochaliort, PH38 4NB	Tel: 01687 470318 Fax: 01687 470318
Pest Protection Services	<a href="http://www.pestprotect.co.uk">www.pestprotect.co.uk</a>	Tel: 0141 889 5113
Rentokil Initial	Rentokil Initial UK Ltd, 2 City Place, Beehive Ring Road, Gatwick Airport, RH6 0HA	Tel: 01293 858000 <a href="http://www.rentokil-initial.com">www.rentokil-initial.com</a>
The Fly Screen Co	Unit 4, Warren Business Park, Knockdown Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8QY	Tel: 01454 238988 <a href="http://www.flyscreen.com">www.flyscreen.com</a>