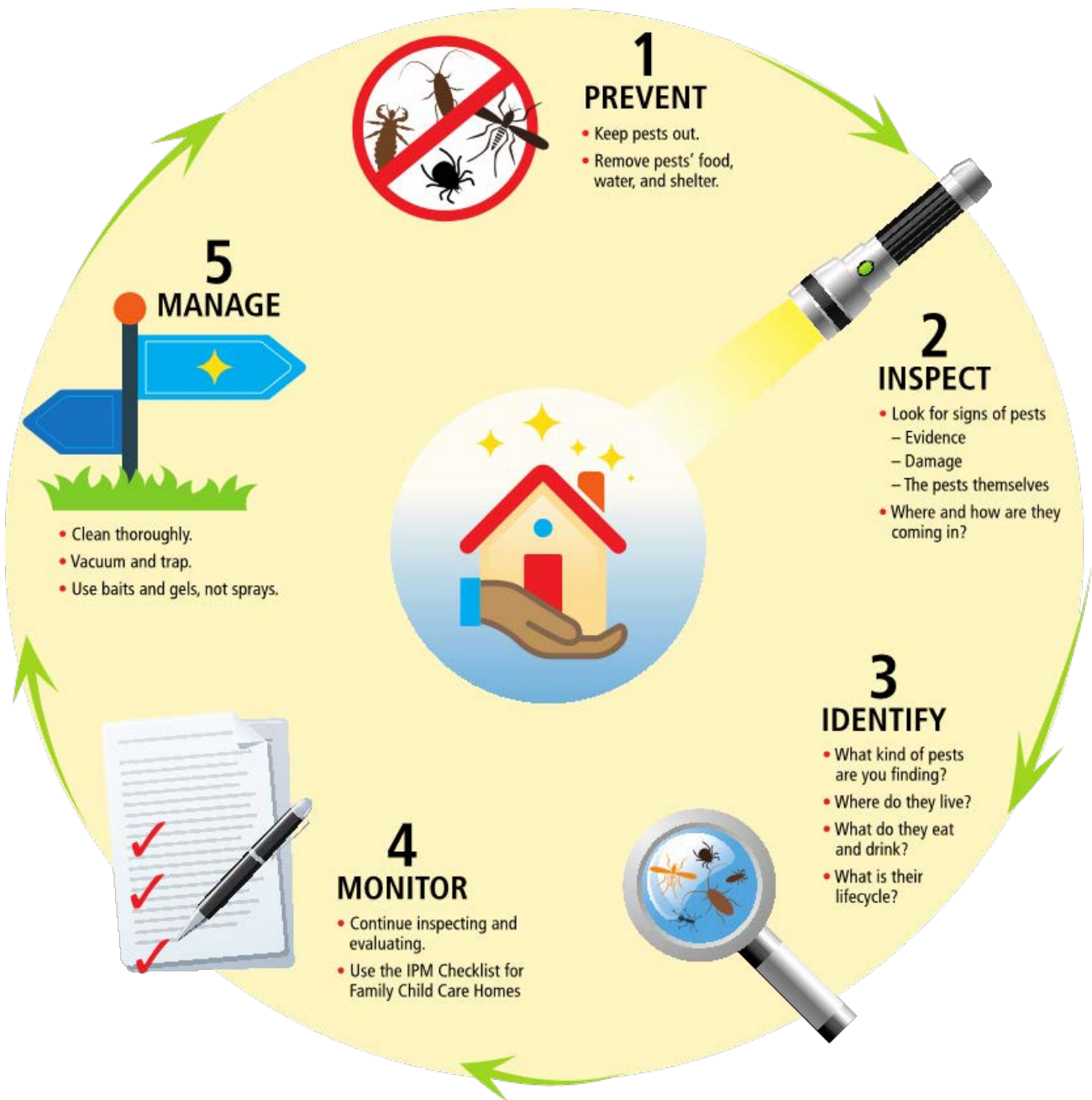


Five Steps to IPM: Pest Scenario Activity



Instructions: Find the pest scenario that matches your breakout room number. Discuss the scenario. Use the **Five Steps to IPM** to decide what to do next.

Scenario One: Ants

Today, you find yourself facing the effects of a drought and heat wave. As if that wasn't enough, as you are making breakfast, you find a trail of ants under your kitchen sink. You have the children arriving for the day in 30 minutes. Using the 5 steps to IPM, how will you successfully handle your ant problem?

Scenario Two: Cockroaches

You have a designated storage closet. It is piled high with cardboard boxes that are filled with construction paper, food arts and crafts, and cleaning paper supplies. As you prepare for the day's art activity, you go to the storage closet, open one of the boxes, and find it crawling with cockroaches! Using the 5 steps to IPM, how will you successfully handle your cockroach problem?

Scenario Three: Mice/Rats

You are awakened during the middle of one night to the sound of little feet scurrying in what sounds like the walls of your bedroom. During your search with a flashlight, you found a small rodent, but it ran so fast back into the false ceiling hole in your hallway, that you didn't have time to identify specifics. Using the 5 steps to IPM, how will you successfully handle your rodent problem?

Scenario Four: Flies

You are preparing dinner after a busy day with the children and notice that a few of your bananas hanging on a rack on your kitchen counter are breaking apart from the stem. The next morning, you enter the kitchen for breakfast and immediately notice a swarm of flies around your bananas! Looks like you are not having a banana for breakfast this morning. Using the 5 steps to IPM, how will you successfully handle your fly problem?

Scenario Five: Head Lice

It is nap time, but one child in your care cannot sleep because her head itches and she cannot stop scratching. You check the child's head and find tiny, greyish eggs that look a bit like dandruff and realize that you have a case of head lice. You allow the child to finish the day. When her parents arrive to pick her up, you

notify them that they need to seek treatment before the child returns tomorrow. Using the 5 steps to IPM, how will you manage head lice?

Scenario Six: Spiders

You've noticed a lot of spider webs under the play structure. You are worried that children might get bit by a spider. Using the 5 steps to IPM, how will you handle spiders on the playground?

Scenario Seven: Yellowjackets

You and the children enjoyed lunch outside yesterday in the beautiful summer weather. However, today you notice a few yellowjackets hovering over the table where you ate. Using the 5 steps to IPM, how will you handle the yellowjackets so that no child is bit during outdoor play time?

Scenario Eight: Mold

You have a child with asthma in your care. You've been noticing that the child's asthma has been flaring up more than usual. You practice green cleaning and integrated pest management so you know it's not cleaning products or pests like cockroaches or rats that are triggering his asthma. Finally, you spot mold growing under a sink one day. Using the 5 steps to IPM, how will you control the mold?

Scenario Nine: Gophers

You are watching the children play outside and see one of the children trip and fall while running through the grass. You find that the child has tripped over a dirt mound. Just last week, the roots of the hydrangeas in your garden were eaten away. You realize you have a gopher problem! Using the 5 steps to IPM, how will you handle the gophers in your yard?