



RSPCA Rat Care Advice

RSPCA COMPANION ANIMALS PET CARE FACTSHEET



KEEPING YOUR RATS SAFE

ALWAYS MAKE SURE THAT YOUR RATS ARE SAFE AND CANNOT COME INTO CONTACT WITH THINGS THAT CAN HARM THEM

- Make sure your rats cannot access or eat [poisonous materials](#) (including but not exclusively poisonous food, plants and chemicals). As rats cannot vomit, even a small amount can kill them. Contact your vet immediately if you are concerned that your rats have come into contact with anything that could be harmful.
- Only use medicines that have been prescribed for your individual rats. Human and other animal medicines can be very dangerous to rats.
- If your rats are allowed out of their cage to explore and exercise, make sure toxic items (e.g. some house plants) and other dangerous items (e.g. electric cables) are well out of reach.
- Always stay with and supervise your rats when they are out of their cage.
- Never leave your rats alone with another animal or person who may (deliberately or unintentionally) harm or frighten them.



OTHER POSSIBLE LINKS:

- **Pet Rodents and Poisoning Information page**
<http://www.rspca.org.uk/allaboutanimals/pets/rodents/poisoning>



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