

Flies Advice Leaflet

There are three main types of flies that affect domestic properties. This advice sheet aims to provide you with information on the following:

1. A description of the most common flies
2. The preferred habitat, life cycle and causes of flies
3. What can be done to prevent and treat for flies?

1. A description of the most common flies

A Common Housefly

The Common Housefly and the Lesser Housefly both range between 6 and 8mm long. The Common Housefly has dark longitudinal stripes and a central dark band. When resting, wings are spread. The Lesser Housefly has 3 longitudinal stripes, with a yellow patch at the base of the abdomen. The wings are folded back when resting.

2. The preferred habitat, life cycle and causes of flies