

4.0 LEPTOSPIROSIS(WEIL'S DISEASE)

4.1 Background

Leptospirosis is a serious and sometimes fatal infection that can be transmitted to humans through contact with urine from infected rats.

Symptoms start with flu-like illness with a persistent and severe headache which can lead onto vomiting, muscle pains, jaundice, meningitis, kidney failure, and in rare cases, even death.

The bacteria can get into your body through cuts and scratches, through the lining of your mouth, throat and eyes.

4.2 Procedure

Due to the nature of some of the work environments Forest Edge Construction employees and / or subcontractors are exposed to, it is possible to encounter rodent activity so all persons must be aware of the following procedure: -

If you encounter any rats, then they need to be removed to a safe place. Never touch rats with unprotected hands.

Always ensure good personal hygiene, wash cuts and grazes immediately and if the skin is broken, be sure to apply adhesive dressings or plasters before, and during work.

If you have knowingly come into contact with rats and/or are displaying any of the symptoms then inform a company Director or works Supervisor immediately.