

# Gold Coast Pest Control Services For Ants, Bugs, Spiders, Cockroaches & Termites

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We spoke to Lee Maddocks, proprietor of Richards Pest Control in the Gold Coast, to get an inside perspective on the safety aspects of domestic pest control in Australia. In doing so, we found much to reassure us that domestic pest control, when done professionally, really is the safe solution to our pest problems.

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**Training First** Most people don't realise just how much training goes into the licensing of pest control operators - and some people aren't even aware that licensing is a requirement. "Always check licenses," warns Mr. Maddocks. "The fines for undertaking pest control without one are high, but some fly-by-nights are happy to take their chances nonetheless. If it's a scam and they don't do anything at all, you're probably in luck. Pest control agents must be applied correctly to be effective and safe."

Mr. Maddocks says that all his pest controllers have undergone formal training and attend refresher courses to ensure that they're on top of the latest developments in pest control safety. "Richards Pest Control has been in operation for over 65 years, and we wouldn't be in business at all if we didn't take care of our clients' wellbeing. My top operator has been in the pest control business for over 22 years. It's experience like that which gives our clients confidence when they call us up for termite inspections or pest control treatments."

**Choose the Right Remedy** When we think about pest control, we usually think about poison, and we assume that the deadliest poison will be the most effective. Not so, says Mr. Maddocks. "In professional pest control, no matter where it is applied, we always choose the safest option. There's a difference between what kills insects and what's toxic to mammals."

"When it comes to choosing pest control agents, we will always go for an effective remedy with low risk, and that means using products with the lowest possible mammalian toxicity. It not only protects our clients, it's also safer for our operatives."

"It's also worth remembering that it takes a long time for a new pesticide to be tested and registered. That's not our side of the business, but you can be sure that the authorities will take a very close look at safety aspects before allowing a pesticide to be registered, sold, and used."

**Applied Correctly** The final link in the pesticide safety chain is application. Mr. Maddocks points out that just about anything can be unsafe if used unwisely. "It takes knowledge, training, and experience to use pesticides correctly. I honestly think that the public is at greater risk from DIY pesticide use than they could ever be from professional pest control."

"The pesticide registration process is very thorough. It's not just about the product in the bottle, it's also about how it is applied and any extra precautions that must be taken after application," he explains. "The whole registration and licensing framework is there to ensure public safety and worker safety, and that brings us full circle and back to proper training and licensing."

**Choose the Specialists** There is one aspect of domestic pest control safety that isn't covered by the regulatory framework, and that's experience. "You even get carpet cleaning companies that offer pest control services. Sure, they may have a licensed operator, but experience is another matter. Inexperience leaves room for error."

Richards Pest Control is the leading pest control company in the Gold Coast region for any pest control job, but no matter who you choose, be sure you are dealing with an established firm that specialises in pest control if peace of mind and value for money are important to you.

Here's the bottom line: "Professional pest control is the safest, most effective option for ridding yourself of pest-related problems in the home," says Mr. Maddocks. "It's the best and only option you should consider."

For more information on all things pest control and ridding your home of unwanted guest including termites or to learn more about how Richards Pest Control can keep your home properly maintained, visit the [Best Pest Control In Gold Coast & Tweed | Richards Pest Control](#) or call Lee and his team for a no obligation quotation on (07) 5533 9512.

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