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Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS) is a deadly disease spread by certain mice and rats. Humans can get the disease from contact with infected rodents or their urine and feces (poop). HPS was discovered by CDC researchers in 1993 and has since been seen throughout the U.S. Although rare, HPS can be deadly. To avoid getting sick from hantavirus, eliminate or minimize contact with rodents in your home, workplace, or campsite. Seal up holes and gaps in and around your home or garage. Place traps in and around your home to decrease rodent infestation, and clean up any easy-to-get food. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/hantavirus.