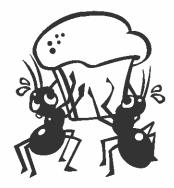
Section 6-Running a Household

## **Dealing with Pest Control**

Life Skills Practice

## PREVENTING PROBLEMS

**P**est control is a plan for keeping bugs out of one's house. Living with pests in the house is unpleasant. It is often easier to prevent pest problems than to fix them. Read each situation below. Describe steps that could have been taken to prevent each problem.



Alexandria finds a long trail of ants on her kitchen counter on Monday morning. The ants are on and around some food left out from the weekend. Ted wakes in the middle of the night with ten bites on his legs. He moves his dog, Tiger, out of the way. Then he climbs out of bed and puts some anti-itch cream on the flea bites.

The weather is perfect on Saturday. Doreen blocks the back door open and lets the fresh breeze fill the house. That night, she is upset to find several flies in the kitchen.

Simon likes to watch the squirrels play in his backyard. He puts cheese on a board in his garage and leaves the door open. While watching the squirrels, he notices that there are mice droppings on the garage floor.