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## Bronx mom sues landlord after rats take bites of daughter

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The mother of a 2-year-old girl attacked by rats in her crib has sued her landlord, blaming him for the rodents that terrorized her family.

Jonique McKinney claims she had complained about rats and mice since moving into the Clay Ave. apartment building in the Bronx in July 2007.

An exterminator plugged up her radiator with steel wool, but that didn't stop rats from feasting on her daughter on July 3, 2008, said her lawyer, Charles Green.

"She was sleeping in her bed and she woke up screaming," Green said.

Little Jonaih was taken to the hospital, where doctors discovered five rodent bites, he said.

McKinney filed her suit against building owner Claremont Park LLC last year.

It came to light Tuesday after the landlord filed a third-party suit against Dependable Exterminating in Bronx Supreme Court.

Claremont and Dependable did not return calls for comment.



Two-year-old Jonaih McKinney's leg is covered in rat bites.