



## **Deal With Your Life's Bugs While They're Still Small**

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This morning I rescued a baby lizard from my bathroom. I turned on the shower to let the water temperature adjust. When I returned a few minutes later to get in, there it was on the floor tiles.

I'm not afraid of lizards, so I picked it up and took it to a wood pile in my yard where it will have lots of crickets and grubs to eat.

Way too often, we deal with problems in our lives and in our businesses the way I deal with baby lizards. They're an annoyance but not an imminent threat, so you take care of them as you find them and put them out of your mind. Because you're busy with your day-to-day operations and other things, you don't look for the root cause. You don't ask, "Where's the mother?"

Contrast this with the way I handle bugs. I hate them; I fear them. I keep multiple cans of bug spray at various locations in my house. I'm prepared. If I see one, I leap and get rid of it. Analyzing its type, impact and method of entry, I may lock down my house and exterminate to be sure I get rid of every last one.

This is how we should handle the challenges in our lives and businesses. Be prepared for trouble. Look for the source and take care of it, or it may come back bigger and stronger and overwhelm you.

The Tempe Chamber can help businesses recognize potential pitfalls. From educational seminars to informational forums, we provide the tools for business people to seek out, identify and correct small issues before they grow into big ones.

Deal with your problems while they're still baby lizards and bugs, or they could turn into your own personal Godzilla and Mothra.