

Bed Bug Fact Sheet

What businesses should know about identifying and responding to bed bugs



What are bed bugs?

Bed bugs are parasites that live close to where humans rest, feeding on human blood

They are not known to spread diseases to people

They are flat, oval and tan to reddish-brown in color

They range in size from 1-7 mm, depending on age

What do bed bugs do?

Hide in cracks, crevices and tight gaps in furniture, curtains, outlet covers, etc.

Females lay 1-5 eggs per day, and up to 500 in their lifetime

Hitchhike on clothing and personal items, crawl between adjacent units in hotels and apartments

Live 6-12 months on average and can survive several months without a meal

Impacts on health & business

Bed bug introductions can quickly lead to infestations

Reactions to bites range from none to severe, itchy, swollen welts

The emotional impact of bed bugs on guests and residents is significant

A single bed bug incident can significantly affect brand reputation

What to look for?



Eggs

- 1 mm, rice-shaped
- Pearly white



Nymphs

- 1-5 mm
- Yellow to tan



Adults

- 5-7 mm
- Reddish-brown



Fecal Spots

- Yellow, brown or black
- Deposited as a liquid

How can bed bugs be managed?

Bed bug management starts with identification and inspection. A trained pest management professional can help confirm activity, assess the extent of the issue and recommend appropriate response options.

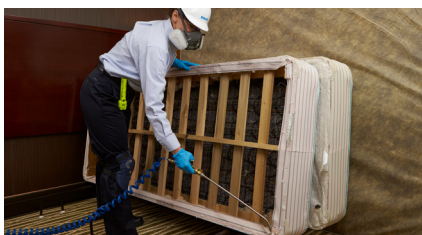
Depending on the situation, bed bug management options may include:



Inspection & monitoring



Heat-based treatments



Pesticide treatments



Mattress encasements



Biopesticides or other alternative treatment methods



Proactive inspection & treatment programs

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Bed bug management is not one-solution-fits-all

The right response should be selected based on the facility, the level and location of activity, and the results of a professional assessment.



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