DON'T LET THE BED BUGS BITE

Bite reactions are highly individual, depending upon the person's sensitivity, much like a spider bite or a bee's sting. Usually a localized red swelling occurs and this is an allergic reaction to the bed bug bite salivary secretions. Bed bugs are not known to transmit any infectious agents.

Where to Look:
- Behind the headboard
- On the mattress
- Under the mattress covers
- In the coils of a bed
- Inside metal objects
- Behind peeling wallpaper
- Behind wall and door locations
- Near the edge and underneath of rugs and in crevices
- Within curtains and draperies and curtain and drapery rods
- Within electrical equipment like lamps, clock, television set, alarm clocks, and picture frames
- Within and on the exterior of knobs and switches on these objects (especially around seams and edges)
- Within and on the exterior of furniture cabinets and drawers
- Around access panel doors
- Within pop-up cockroach traps
- At wall floor wall and ceiling junctions

What to Look For:
- Blood spots
- Blood spots or blood smears
- Reddish blood or rusty color smears by the bed bug
- A stain from the animal
- Cast attachment site from molting

How to Look:
- Do not rub or clean area
- Do not touch bites
- Do not use handkerchiefs

Eggs are visible with slight magnification, are reddish brown in color, do not fly, but do crawl readily

Nymphs look like smaller sized adults

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Both males and females feed; nymphs also feed; human blood is the preferred food source but warm and eggs themselves

Brown fecal and blood smears, and the bed bugs can be found in these areas

Bed Bugs gather into aggregations known as brood centers; these are characterized by reddish brown fecal and blood smears, and the bed bugs may be hidden in these areas

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Typically three to four generations occur per female per year

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Bed Bug Habits:
- Bed bugs usually do not like drafts or cold
- Bedbugs can survive for more than a year without a blood meal
- Bed bugs are opportunists and great at finding
- Every nook and cranny must be thoroughly

Management Options:
- Identify the pest correctly. Cockroaches, ticks, bed bugs and globular spider beetles are all often
- Do not overestimate the bed bugs
- Diagnose and break through the client’s mythology
- What people think bed bugs are are often
- Bed bugs can be killed by heat, not a
- Use heat
- Be proactive
- What else covers that stops over mattress
- Heat, fumigation
- Heat bed frames or hospital beds