

# BED BUG JOURNEY

## 1) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: WHAT ARE THE FIRST SIGNS BED BUGS COULD BE AROUND?

Ans. Poop, blood spots on sheets, bite reactions, bugs.

## 2) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: HOW DO PEOPLE MOVE BED BUGS AROUND?

Ans. Bed bugs can be moved around on clothing, and personal items as well as furniture.

## 3) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU FIND A BED BUG?

Ans. Report it right away. If you kill or capture the bug place it in a zip-lock bag or sealable container and submit it for identification.

## 4) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: IF I AM CHECKING FOR BED BUGS WHERE SHOULD I LOOK?

Ans. Using a flashlight, look around the edges and seams of your mattress, the folds in your TV chair or couch.

## 5) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: DO I HAVE TO DISCARD MY MATTRESS AFTER A BED BUG INFESTATION?

Ans. You do not have to discard your mattress.

## 6) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: WHAT ARE THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING VISITORS TO STAY?

Ans. Visitors to your home coming from an infested home may bring bed bugs with them. If you are battling the pesky pests you may move them into other homes.

### **7) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: WHAT DO WE HAVE THAT BED BUGS WANT?**

Ans. Bed bugs feed on blood of humans, they do not feed on pet animals very readily.

### **8) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: SHOULD I SPRAY BED BUGS WITH A PESTICIDE?**

Ans. Spraying with a pesticide will only kill the bed bugs you can see that are exposed. Vacuuming is more effective.

### **9) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: WHO IS MOST VULNERABLE TO BED BUGS?**

Ans. Bed bugs love all people, but some things increase your chances of picking them up. Bringing in second hand beds and bed room furniture is likely the riskiest thing you can do.

### **10) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: DOES LAUNDERING MY CLOTHES AND BEDDING KILL BED BUGS?**

Ans. Washing clothes and bedding will not kill bed bugs, but drying items in the clothes drier will kill bed bugs.

### **11) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: WHERE ARE BED BUGS DURING THE DAY?**

Ans. During the day bed bugs hide out in cracks and crevices, folds and seams in and around places where people rest.

### **12) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: HOW CAN I MONITOR FOR BED BUGS?**

Ans. There are several kinds of traps used to monitor for bed bugs. Interceptor traps are likely the most useful.

**13) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: WHAT ARE THE MOST USEFUL THINGS I CAN DO TO AVOID BED BUG INFESTATION?**

Ans. Launder bedding and clothing regularly, vacuum your home.

**14) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: CAN BED BUGS MOVE BETWEEN APARTMENTS?**

Ans. Bed bugs can move through wall voids, floors and ceilings, they can also walk along corridors into other apartments.

**15) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE A BED BUG INFESTATION?**

Ans. Report it right away, the sooner you report the issue the faster and easier it will be to exterminate them. You will not be evicted and you are not responsible for the cost.

**16) LEARNING OBJECTIVE: CAN PICKING UP SECOND-HAND ITEMS BRING BED BUGS INTO MY APARTMENT?**

Ans. Yes. This is one of the most common ways people accidentally bring bed bugs into their homes. Do not take second hand donated clothing, discarded furniture, or bedding. It's just not worth it.