

What Is a Bed Bug?



- aka, "Chinches", "Red Coats", "Chinch Bugs"
- Small (3/16" long) broadly oval, flat, reddish-brown color
- Piercing-sucking mouthparts



Bed Bugs & Their Relatives

• Bed bug - Cimex lectularius



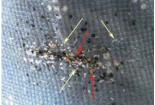
- Bat bug Cimex adjunctus
- Chimney Swift bug Cimexopsis nyctalis
- 16 Cimex species in the U.S.
 - Bats 9 species
 - Birds 10 species
 - Humans 3 species



A Bed Bug's Life

- Female lays 200-500 eggs in batches in cracks and crevices. Eggs hatch in about <u>10 days</u>
- Nymphs (immatures) take about 35-48 days to become adults





A Bed Bug's Life

- Require a blood meal (lasts about 5-10 minutes) in order to molt and for females to lay eggs
- Can survive 80-140 days without a blood meal
- Adults often live 6-7 months.
- Critical temperatures:

Low: 55°F High: 112°F

Unfed Fed

Bed Bugs & Disease

- Literature: plague, yellow fever, TB, relapsing fever, leprosy, leischmaniasis, smallpox, Chagas' disease -Lack of definitive evidence
- HIV detected up to 8 days after ingestion of highly concentrated virus (experimental meals)
 - No replication or virus found in feces
 - No mechanical transmission

Bed Bugs & Disease

Hepatitis B

- Hepatitis B DNA detected in bed bugs 6 weeks after feeding on infected blood.
- No replication
- BB Eradication had no impact on Hepatitus B rates



Bed Don't

- Discriminate based on socio-economic status, but lack of money often means lack of control (ability and effort)
- Indicate unsanitary conditions (but unsanitary conditions complicate spread & control)
- Fly, jump, or burrow into





Bed Bug Do.....

CRAWL

- 20 ft. in search of a "meal"
- Use conduit/utility pipes to move between areas

HIDE

• in cracks and crevices, <u>often</u> (but not always) in groups.

HITCH-HIKE

- Bags/backpacks/luggage
- Furniture









Bed Bugs in America: A Pest Management Industry Survey (2005)

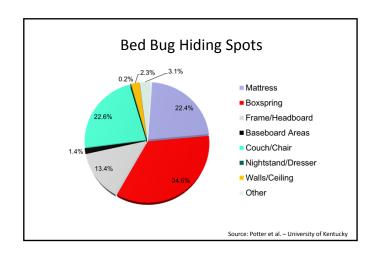
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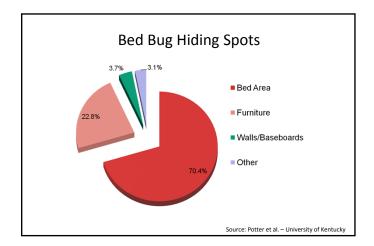
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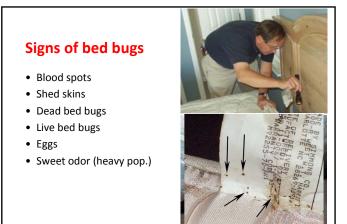
"What is the oddest location where bed bugs have been found?"

- Make-up drawer
- Kitchen, bathroom
- In the shower head
- In a car
- Radios and stereo speakers
- Around a fireplace
- Telephone

- Children's toys
- On the person
- In luggage
- Sofa or couch
- On a pool table
- In a microwave oven
- In an old man's ears



















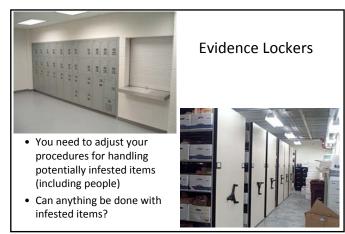


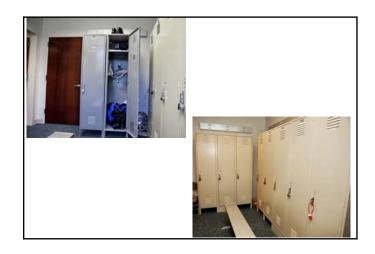














What's Your Game Plan?



- "Prevention"
- Confirmation
- Inspection
- Containment
- Elimination

Bed Bugs Can be confused with...

- Ticks
- Cockroach nymphs
- Bat bugs
- Carpet beetles
- Other kinds of bug bites



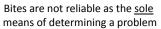


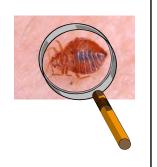


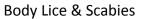


Bed Bug - Identification

















• Plastic sheeting on seats?







Heat Treatment

- Wash (or dry-clean) items (if dry cleaner accepts them)
- Place in dryer on high setting for 30 minutes (don't pack dryer full of items)



Detecting Bed Bugs







Homemade Detection Devices Carbon Dioxide Sources

- Dry ice Potential hazard around children and pets
- Need a point source (not flood the area with CO₂





Homemade Detection Devices Carbon Dioxide Sources

- Sugar-Yeast Trap
 - 5 tbs of sugar
 - 1 tbs of yeast
 - 24 oz of water



 Place in a suitable open container and on an inverted pet food bowl

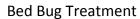




PackTite™ Heating Unit

- Portable and easily set up
- Useful for items that can't be put into a clothes dryer (shoes, equipment belts and other gear)
- Not suitable for some items (ammunition, pepper spray or other compressed gas cartridges/containers)





- Use "Sterifab" or similar product or steam on automobile seats suspected of having bed bugs.
- Kills on direct contact only





Nuvan Strips

- DDVP ("vapona")
- Use only in confined areas (closets) and in rooms that occupied <u>less than</u> 4 hours daily
- Use with storage containers
- Question again about affect on evidence





Heat Treatment



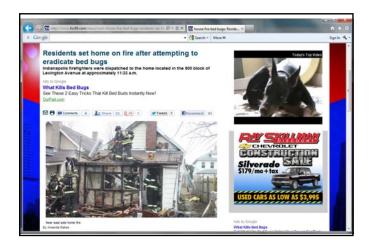


- Not simply a matter of raising the room temperature with HVAC
- Core temperature must reach 113°F
- Would it affect evidence in storage (e.g., biological samples)?

Heat Treatment







Prevent The Spread of Bed Bugs

- Disposal of mattresses and box springs is an option.
- Remove from residence carefully
 - Wrap in plastic sheeting
 - Render useless or make sure they're removed from property immediately



Travel Advice

- Keep luggage off beds & floor
- Don't use hotel dressers to store clothing





Travel Advice

• Look for signs of bed bugs BEFORE you unpack and settle in







Be Careful With Used Furniture



When in doubt:

BAG IT & CONTAIN IT

If you think you're bringing "guests" home:

- Isolate "infested" items
- Wash and dry (if possible)







