



Because bed bug bites affect everyone differently, some people may have no reaction and will not develop bite marks or other visible signs of being bitten. Other people may be allergic to the bed bugs and can react adversely to the bites. These allergic symptoms can include enlarged bite marks, painful swelling at the bite site and on rare occasions, anaphylaxis.

It may be hard to tell if you have been bitten by a bed bug unless you find the bed bugs or signs of infestation. When bed bugs bite they inject an anesthetic and an anticoagulant that prevents a person from realizing they are being bitten. Most people do not realize they have been bitten until the bite mark appears days afterwards. The bite marks are similar to that of a mosquito or a flea. It may be a slightly swollen and a red area that may itch and be irritating. Bite marks may be in a straight line or be random. Other sy2 118.5(i)(o-3 (a)of be)(Mo580.3 Tm

Bed bug infestations are commonly treated by insecticide spraying. If you suspect you have an infestation, contact your landlord or a professional pest control company that is experienced with treating bed bugs. It usually takes multiple visits by a licensed pest control operator to successfully treat a bed bug infestation. Over the counter foggers and pesticides will not eliminate bed bugs. Early detection and efficient treatment is crucial for the control of bed bugs.

Prior to treatment by an exterminator:

- The home/apartment should be cleaned, organized, and free of clutter.
- Caulk and seal crevices around the room and on furniture. Seal any spaces between floors and baseboards.
- Seal items in plastic bags or airtight containers. Store these outside the apartment or home for at least 6 months to insure re-infestation does not occur.
- Remove all bed linens (including blankets, bed skirts), stuffed animals, pillows, and drapes. Launder these items in hot water and highest dryer setting. If needed dry clean items.
- Move furniture away from walls. Apply a knee high stocking over the vacuum wand then vacuum entire area including mattress, furniture and baseboards. Place the mattress and box spring in a sealed plastic mattress cover bag and store away from the home for 6 months to 1 year. Remove t-5 2s3 (1a5u 2s3 (8 (ur)3 (

mattresses, box springs, and drapes should be removed from the room. Mattresses and box springs should be stored in zippered plastic covers isolated and stored offsite for one year to insure elimination of bed bugs. A thorough cleaning and vacuuming should be done. Cracks in wall papers, baseboards, or plaster should be filled/caulked prior to calling a professional exterminator.

Travelers should only take what you will need for the trip. Inspect the room prior to bringing your luggage into the room.

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