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HISTORY OF BED BUGS

- 1st Found in the US in 1700's
- Use of DDT Pesticide Virtually Eliminated by 1950's
- DDT banned in 1970's
- Late 90's began seeing in hotels-motels, now in apartment complexes, senior living communities, etc
- Already #2 on Techletters.com's Top 10 Most Wanted Pests
- Estimate total numbers are doubling annually

PEST URBAN MYTHS

- 1) Bed bugs are only found in cheap accommodations "Not True"
- 2) Moles are blind "Not True"
- 3) Mice love cheese "Not True"
- 4) Fleas can jump 150 times their own body length "True"
- 5) Roaches live without their heads "True"

Thanks to "Debugged — The Rentokil Blog" for this fun trivia!

Pest Control Report

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Their Baaack!

Who didn't grow up saying the famous bedtime phrase, "Night, Night, Sleep Tight, and Don't Let The Bed Bugs Bite". But seriously, did any of us actually experience bedtime assault by the little critters? No many, if any, I suspect. Well the good ole' days are back again and if you haven't heard, they are quickly coming to a bed near you. Below are some facts to get you up to speed and help reduce the risk of future exposure:

What Are Bed Bugs

-Adult bed bugs have a flat rusty-red colored, oval body and feed on human blood. They are about the size of an apple seed and easily seen when looking for **Are Bed Bugs Dangerous**
-Bed bugs are "Not" known to spread disease, but rather a nasty

nuisance critter with a bite

-Bites are initially painless, but later turn into large itchy welts

How Do They Spread

-Usually carried in by traveling guests or residents themselves
-These critters love to hitch rides on luggage, furniture, bedding, clothing, etc
-The can live for months without feeding on a host

How To Detect Infestation

-Maintenance performs pre and post lease inspections for infestation
-Pest notification policy reviewed at move-in requiring immediate contact at any sign of bed bug infestation, (*Warning Signs*):
*notice itchy skin welts
*see bed bugs themselves
*small bloodstains on bedding or clothing

*dark spots from their droppings

*night time is the right time for these outlaws, a flashlight with the lights off may do the trick

Have A Quick Response Plan

Know how to respond when you receive the bug call:
-Select an insured/licensed pest management service or several in case one is unavailable prior to infestation
-Have Pest Control contact information easily available to notify
-Determine reimbursement policy for bug removal. Most companies chose to pay for expense as the bigger an infestation, the greater the potential for loss of future business income and rents. "Bad Publicity is Bad Business"
-Take immediate action to remove whenever found

Bed Bug Travel Tips!



The following tips were obtained from www.randmcnalley.com:

- ▶ **Travel Light**— take only what can be kept inside bag
- ▶ **Inspect Your Room**— bring a flashlight to look in those hard to reach areas of furniture, bedding, baseboards, etc
- ▶ **Don't Overreact**—if you find something suspicious, calmly request a new room
- ▶ **Mind Your Bags**—keep luggage on rack other than upholstered furniture
- ▶ **Seal It Up**—keep a large plastic bag to seal up luggage

before placing in trunk for the trip home, just in case you missed one

- ▶ **Heat It Up**—launder everything you can in hot water (115 degrees)
- ▶ **Case It Up**—consider encasing your mattress, box spring, and pillows