

BED BUG INFORMATION SHEET FOR NEW AND EXISTING TENANTS
(SUPPLEMENT TO SEPARATE BED BUG ADDENDUM)

Tenant and Landlord agree that this Information Sheet satisfies the requirements of A.R.S. § 33-1319(A)(1).

What are bed bugs?

Bed bugs are insects that, as adults, have oval-shaped bodies with no wings. Prior to feeding, they are about ¼ inch long and flat as paper. After feeding, they turn dark red and become bloated. Eggs are whitish, pear-shaped and about the size of a pinhead. Clusters of 10-50 eggs can be found in cracks and crevices.

What do bed bugs feed on?

Bed bugs prefer to feed on human blood, but will also bite mammals and birds. Bed bugs bite at night, and will bite all over a human body, especially around the face, neck, upper torso, arms and hands. Bed bugs can survive up to six months without feeding. Both male and female bed bugs bite.

Can I get sick from bed bugs?

There are no known cases of infectious disease transmitted by bed bug bites. Bed bug bites lead to skin irritation. Scratching the bitten areas can lead to infection.

What do bed bug bites look like?

When bed bugs bite people, they inject their saliva into the biting area, causing the skin to become irritated and inflamed. Individual responses to bed bug bites will vary. Bed bug bites may be mistaken for flea or mosquito bites or other skin conditions.

How do bed bugs get into my home?

Bed bugs are often carried into a home on objects such as furniture and clothing. If you think you have a bed bug problem, check for live bed bugs or shells in the following areas:

- Seams, creases, tufts and folds of mattresses and box springs
- Cracks in the bed frame and head board
- Under chairs, couches, beds, dust covers
- Between the cushions of couches and chairs
- Between the folds of curtains
- Behind baseboards, and around window and door casings
- In cracks in plaster
- In suitcases

How do I treat bed bug bites?

Most bed bug bites go away by themselves and don't need treatment. Keep the skin clean and try not to scratch. If the bites are very itchy, your doctor may prescribe cream or antihistamines to relieve the itchiness. Oral antibiotics may be prescribed for any secondary skin infection from excessive scratching.

How do I prevent bed bugs from entering my home?

Although even the cleanest homes and hotels can have bed bugs, regular house cleaning, including vacuuming your mattress, can help to prevent an infestation. Clean up clutter to help reduce the number of places bed bugs can hide.

Be careful when buying used furniture or clothes. Make sure to inspect the used item, and feel free to ask the retailer if the items were checked and treated for bed bugs.

When travelling take the following precautions:

- Inspect the room and furniture: inspect all cracks and crevices of the mattress and box spring, and look for blood spots or live insects. Request a different room if you find evidence of beg bugs.
- Protect your luggage: keep all belongings in your luggage and wrap your luggage in plastic to help prevent bed bugs from entering your luggage. Keep luggage on the shelf or away from the floor.
- Protect the bed: move the bed away from the wall, tuck in all bed sheets and keep blankets from touching the floor.
- Upon returning home: keep your luggage in an isolated area of your home. Inspect the luggage. Wash all your clothes in the hottest water possible and put them in a hot dryer for 20 minutes. Bed bugs will die when core temperature reaches 140°.

What do I do if I suspect that I have bed bugs in my home?

Contact the leasing office immediately in writing and in person, and ask for an inspection. Follow the steps as set forth in the separate bed bug addendum and the directions provided by the pest exterminator.

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Landlord (Owner or Property Manager on behalf of Owner)
by: _____ (Print Name)

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Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.