

The background of the entire page is dark grey. It is decorated with several red, 3D-rendered bed bugs of varying sizes and orientations. One large bug is centered at the top, another is in the top left, and a third is in the top right. On the left side, there are two more bugs, one near the middle and one near the bottom. On the right side, there is one bug near the middle and one near the bottom. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, with a strong color contrast between the red bugs and the dark background.

BED BUGS

GUIDE FOR PROPERTY MANAGERS

You may think bed bugs are an issue exclusive to hotels, apartment buildings and homes, but these pests are appearing in offices across the country. Why? Though their name suggests differently, what bed bugs need most to survive is people. And offices have plenty of those, making it easy for bed bugs to hitchhike to work. Business travelers and apartment dwellers are especially vulnerable to bed bugs, and once inside your building, these pests have everything they need to thrive.

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BED BUGS ARE BAD FOR BUSINESS

Costly

Because bed bugs spread so quickly, an infestation can become very expensive and bite into your bottom line. The costs of bed bug remediation include:

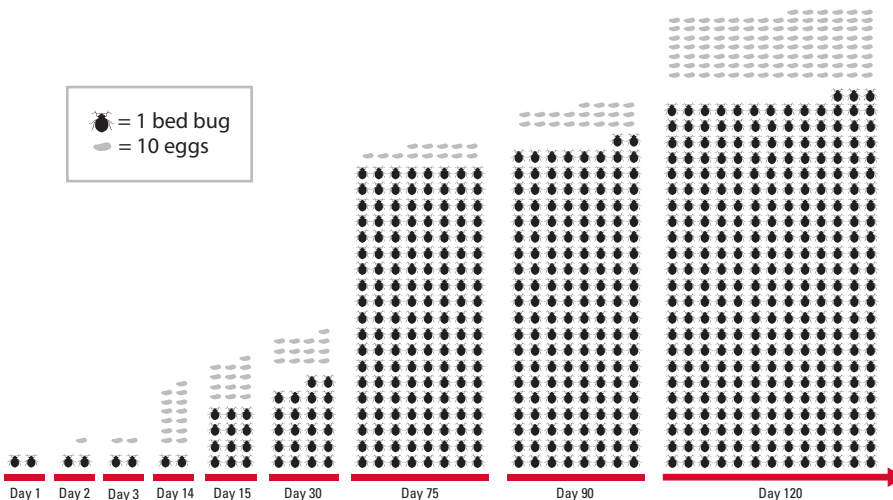
- Professional treatment
- Replacement of soft goods like chairs and couches
- Lost time and revenue due to closed offices

**45% OF PEST
PROFESSIONALS HAVE
TREATED FOR BED BUGS
IN OFFICE BUILDINGS.¹**



Damaged Reputation

No one wants to take bed bugs home with them. The number one reason a hotel guest would switch hotels immediately, bed bugs can cause the same sense of urgency and worry at your office property – and even result in walk outs.



Reproduce Quickly

If left unaddressed, a bed bug infestation can escalate quickly. A female bed bug can lay between one and five eggs a day, and those eggs hatch within two weeks. In six months, an infestation can grow from just two bed bugs to more than 13,000.

BED BUG PREVENTION

Because bed bugs hitchhike on people and their belongings, there's nothing you can do to prevent them from getting inside. However, there are steps you can take to help avoid an introduction turning into a costly infestation.

Canine Inspections

Orkin Canada offers proactive inspections using our trained and certified bed bug dogs. Faster and more reliable than any other detection method, bed bug dogs are ideal for regularly inspecting large office buildings. Our canine teams can inspect a room in minutes and help ensure treatments are only applied in necessary areas.



Benefits of Proactive Inspections

Peace of mind. When you know that your bed bug program will catch infestations early, you can rest easy that your tenants, employees and reputation are protected.

Minimize lost revenue. Proactive inspections will help you isolate a bed bug incident, helping prevent lost revenue due to closed office space and contaminated soft goods.

Build trust. Share information about your proactive bed bug program with all employees to show you are defending them against bed bug threats.

BED BUG TREATMENT

Heat Treatment – the “Green Approach”

In the event of a bed bug infestation, Orkin Canada can use heat treatment to eradicate bed bug populations. This environmentally responsible, chemical-free approach uses sustained high temperatures to penetrate all bed bug harbourage areas, including furniture, electronics and walls. Heat treatment eliminates all bed bug life stages – eggs, nymphs and adults.



Other Options:

Steam treatment



Chemical products



RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING TO BED BUGS

Spotting the Signs

Bed bugs are typically hiding during the day, so it can be hard to spot them. Nonetheless, it's important for you and your janitorial staff to know what to look for:



Live bed bugs



Cast skins



Fecal smears

Where to Look

- Couches in lounge areas
- Plush chairs and upholstered desk chairs in conference rooms and offices
- Cubicle dividers
- Bundled phone and computer wires
- Electrical outlets

Training Office Staff and Tenants

Even though they have nothing to do with poor sanitation, bed bugs carry a social stigma. As such, tenants may be embarrassed about reporting a bed bug problem. Use building newsletters and message boards to communicate the importance of proactive notification and working to prevent infestations. Consider scheduling training with building tenants and Orkin Canada.

If Evidence of Bed Bugs Is Found or Reported:

Do Not:

- Disturb the area further. Leaving the scene untouched helps professionals diagnose the problem and minimize the risk of spreading the pests elsewhere.
- Remove any items from the area.

Do:

- Contact Orkin Canada right away to inspect the areas suspected of infestation.
- Communicate proactively with the affected office and other tenants in the building.
- Save a sample of the insect, if possible

EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT: As part of your bed bug protection, we'll offer **10%** off residential bed bug services to your employees, should they require a home inspection.

**DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.
CALL ORKIN CANADA TODAY TO SCHEDULE
A FREE CONSULTATION AND STRENGTHEN
YOUR BED BUG DEFENSE.**



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