

## **WHAT ARE BED BUGS?**

- **BED BUGS ARE SMALL, FLAT, OVAL, REDDISH-BROWN PARASITIC INSECTS**
- **ADULT BED BUGS CAN GROW FROM 4-5 MM IN LENGTH AND 1.5-3.0 MM WIDE**
- **THE LIFESPAN OF BED BUGS VARY DEPENDING ON SPECIES AND THE AVAILABILITY OF FOOD SOURCES**
- **NORMALLY BED BUGS FEED EVERY FIVE TO TEN DAYS**
- **BED BUGS CAN TYPICALLY SURVIVE ANYWHERE FROM SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS**

## **HOW DO BED BUGS AFFECT HUMANS?**

- **BED BUGS LIVE BY FEEDING ON HUMANS OR ANIMALS**
- **THEY ARE MAINLY ACTIVE AT NIGHT, FEEDING ON HUMANS DURING THEIR SLEEP**
- **BED BUG BITES CAN LEAD TO A RANGE OF SKIN PROBLEMS INCLUDING SKIN RASHES, AND ALLERGIC SYMPTOMS**

## **WHERE ARE BED BUGS COMMONLY FOUND?**

- **BED BUGS ARE OFTEN FOUND IN BEDS AND BEDDING WHERE PEOPLE SLEEP**
- **BED BUGS ALSO CAN BE FOUND IN AREAS AROUND THEIR FOOD SOURCE INCLUDING FURNITURE, SOFT MATERIALS, LUGGAGE, AND FLOOR CLUTTER**

## **HOW DO BED BUGS INFESTATIONS OCCUR?**

- **BED BUGS ARE CARRIED BY PEOPLE VISITING FROM ANOTHER LOCATION THAT IS INFESTED WITH BED BUGS, SUCH AS NEARBY DWELLINGS**
- **BED BUGS ARE ALSO CARRIED ON ITEMS SUCH AS CLOTHING, BLANKETS, MATTRESSES, PILLOWS, TOWELS, LUGGAGE AND BOXES OF MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS**
- **BUGS ARE ALSO CARRIED ON HOUSEHOLD PETS AS WELL AS SOME NON-DOMESTICATED ANIMALS**

## **WHAT ARE THE TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR BED BUGS?**

- **PROFESSIONAL PEST CONTROL COMPANIES CAN CONTROL BED BUGS WITH A VARIETY OF TREATMENT OPTIONS**

## **CAN TREATMENT BY PEST CONTROL COMPANIES PREVENT RE-INFESTATION?**

- **A NEW INFESTATION OF BED BUGS CAN OCCUR IMMEDIATELY AFTER TREATMENTS PERFORMED BY PEST CONTROL COMPANIES**
- **PRESENTLY THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ANY TREATMENTS THAT CAN PREVENT REINFESTATION**