

Protect your customers from bed bugs. Protect your restaurant from risk.



What is a bed bug?

Bed bugs are small, reddish brown, flat-bodied, oval-shaped insects that are about 3/16" long or smaller. They easily fit into small cracks and crevices. Bed bugs feed on the blood of humans, small animals, or birds, and may live for months without feeding. They do not fly or hop but are fast moving. They easily hitch hike on personal belongings such as purses, backpacks and coats. Bed bugs usually come out at night and hide during the day. They lay many tiny white eggs that hatch into more young bed bugs. When bed bugs are found in restaurants, they most commonly occur around locker rooms and dining and lounge areas.

Signs of bed bugs

Besides actually seeing live or crushed bed bugs, a common sign is the presence of reddish blood and dark fecal spots on furniture. Shed skins of the young bed bugs can usually be found where bed bugs hide during the day.

Bed bugs bites

Many people have no reaction to bed bug bites. However, if itching, redness, rashes, or other symptoms persist, see your family physician for relief.

If you see a bed bug:

- 1. Try to capture a specimen for positive identification. A piece of sticky tape can be used to capture the specimen.
- 2. Tell your manager.
- 3. Call McCloud Services at 1-800-332-7805
- 4. If a single piece of furniture is involved, consider wrapping it in plastic and remove from public or employee use. Avoid moving infested items from the area without bagging or wrapping in plastic. Confining bed bugs in plastic will help reduce the chance of spreading them to other areas of the restaurant.