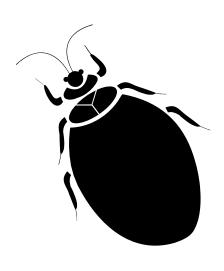
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## **Bedbug Guidelines for Travelers and Public Accommodation Facility Guests**

Scientific evidence does not show that bed bugs directly spread disease. The following information is meant as guidelines when entering a public accommodation facility that has or is suspected of having bedbugs.



For more information about bedbugs, contact the Environmental Health Division at 513-946-7800.

- 1. Prior to traveling, call the local health department and inquire about any recent bedbug activity in the public accommodation facility where you will be staying.
- 2. Upon arrival at your public accommodation facility, ask the manager if they have had any recent bedbug activity or complaints.
- 3. Before entering your room, leave all belongings in a vehicle or outside the room.
- 4. Inspect the room thoroughly. Look for live bedbugs, shed skins, or fecal spots. Areas and furniture to inspect but should include:
  - Mattress and box springs
  - Frame or box of the bed
  - Dressers
  - Headboard of the bed (including screw holes and where boards intersect)
  - Baseboards and wall junctures
  - Sheets and pillows
  - Chairs and couches (zippers, cushions, and frame)
  - Closets and armoires
- 5. If signs of bedbugs are observed, request a different room or your money back.
- 6. Report all bedbug complaints to the local health department.
- 7. If no bedbugs are observed, consider the following recommendations to protect your belongings:
  - Hang clothing in closet or leave in suitcase
  - Do not leave belongings on the floor
  - Do not put belongings/luggage in the dresser drawers
  - Consider storing all clothing/belongings in plastic sealed bags
- 8. Upon leaving the public accommodation facility, inspect your luggage/affects prior to entering your vehicle or home.
- 9. If bedbugs are observed, follow these recommendations:
  - Put all luggage/ belongings in a sealed trash bag
  - Launder your clothing through the normal washing and drying process
  - Vacuum all bedbugs off of luggage/ belongings outside of your home or vehicle
- 10. Call the Hamilton County Public Health with any questions or assistance that you might need.

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