

GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTROL OF BED BUGS—

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

A bedbug infestation has been identified on the premises under your management or ownership. It is advised that a licensed pest control company with experience in bed bug control be contacted. Pest control companies operating using best practices and integrated pest management will provide written instructions on how to prepare a unit for treatment, and respond to questions.

1. Bedbug infestations in multi-unit housing can be very challenging. Prompt action and full cooperation from residents, the landlord, and the pest control professional are essential to effectively control bedbug problems.
2. Your responsibility as the owner or property manager is to:
3. Verify the bed bug infestation.
4. Determine the extent of the infestation, using the pest control professional service to inspect units adjacent to a verified bed bug infestation.
5. Abate the verified bed bug infestation.
6. Notify tenant of their responsibilities before treatment. For example, provide pretreatment preparation list and notification of treatment date and time.
7. Reduce harborage sites such as sealing accessible cracks and crevices.
8. Notify your tenants regarding the pesticides that the pest control professional plans to use.
9. Keep complete records of all activity related to bed bug infestations.
10. It is advisable to educate yourself concerning bed bugs, treatments, conditions conducive to bed bugs and formulate a bed bug action plan. Additional information is

contained in the California Department of Public Health publication 'Guidelines for the Control and Prevention of Bed Bug Infestations in California'. This publication is available from www.cdph.ca.gov