

## Bed Bugs:

Interfaith House has adopted this Integrated Pest Management Plan to outline procedures to be followed to protect the health and safety of staff, residents, and visitors from pest and pesticide hazards.

To aid in combating bed bugs the following procedure should be used:

1. All clothing for new intakes should be washed and dried prior to being placed in a room, all new intakes should shower and place all clothing in a plastic bag marked with their room and bed number, they will be given a clean set of clothing from our clothing room to put on.

If a bed Bug is spotted the following procedures will be followed.

- a. Using a flashlight do a visual inspection of the area identified as possible having bed bugs. Search seams, cracks, and adjacent items. Do not move anything in or out of the room until it can be inspected by your contract pest management company.
- b. Contact the contract pest management company for positive identification of bed bugs. If the contract pest management company finds no bed bug evidence, evaluate the original complaint. Did the resident bring a bed bug to the front desk, or did they complain about bites? Use the evidence presented by the guest to decide if the room should be treated or not. Record the complaint, the result of the inspection, and your treatment decision.
- c. If bed bugs evidence is found by your pest management, a thorough inspection of the room is required to determine where bed bugs are harboring.
- d. Any paintings or items on the walls should be removed from the wall for inspection and treatment.
- e. The entire bed area must be inspected, including frame and any surrounding items.
- f. If the bed is going to remain in the room, the mattress and frame must be treated (see the fact sheets regarding chemical and non-chemical treatment methods), if the mattress is cloth it must be sealed in a high quality mattress encasement.
- g. If the mattress, or other infested furniture are to be disposed of, the furniture needs to be lightly treated with insecticide on the exterior surfaces, and bagged before being transported out of the room. This is so that no bed bugs fall off the furniture infesting the hall or elevator.
- h. After all unwanted furniture is disposed of, the pest management professionals will inspect and treat all of the remaining furniture, lockers, baseboards, electrical outlets, crack and crevices using a combination of non-chemical methods and/or insecticides labeled for those locations.
- i. All discarded furniture left outside the facility should be slashed, marked, or in some way damaged to keep people from removing it from the trash heap and taking it home.  
The treated room should be inspected again after 48 hours to determine if there are any surviving bed bugs. If live bed bugs are found, they should be treated and the room should be inspected again at 72 hours.
- j. The room should also be inspected and treated again after 14 days and 28 days, so that any remaining eggs have had time to hatch.