

# HOW WE FIGHT BED BUGS TOGETHER



To succeed in the sanitation of a residence, cooperation between pest control professionals, tenants, the staff at the residence (the organization), and the property owner is essential.

The presence of bed bugs has increased significantly in recent years. It is believed to be due to increased travel and people bringing bed bugs home in their luggage. Today, it is one of the more common pest problems.

If you suspect the pest is present in your residence, contact Fastpartner immediately at 08 402 34 60. By law, tenants are required to report suspected pests in their homes. Fastpartner will then contact the pest control company to carry out an inspection. If bed bugs are confirmed, the sanitation process will begin immediately.

Since bed bugs can live for over a year without feeding, sanitation involves a combination of measures. Inspection and cleaning are two important parts. Several different techniques are used in the sanitation process:

- A long-lasting insecticide is sprayed along the baseboards and on the bed frame in the apartment. The sanitation process may need to be repeated over several months.
  - Small crystals of silica are spread on the floor, cutting through the bed bugs' wax layer causing them to dry out.
- The room and/or affected items are treated with heat.

For a sanitation to be as successful as possible, it is of utmost importance that everyone involved follows the pest control company's instructions.

# SANITATION OF APARTMENTS

The pest control company reviews the procedures that must be followed before the sanitation. They can also provide training to the organization for preventive purposes.

## EVACUATION

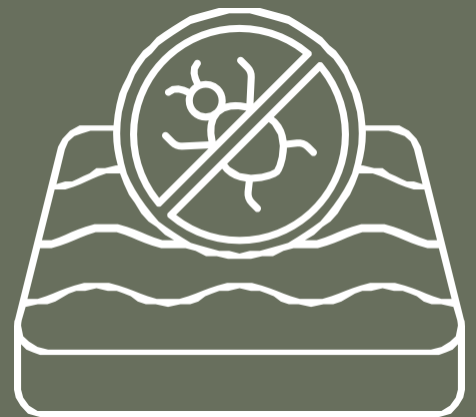
During the sanitation of an apartment, tenants sometimes need to be evacuated. It is important that no belongings or clothes are taken with the tenant to the evacuation apartment. This also includes walkers, wheelchairs, canes, and shoes — all items must remain in the old apartment.

Before evacuation, clothes to be used in the temporary residence must be washed or run through a dryer/heat cabinet for at least one hour. The temperature should be at least 60 degrees Celsius for the best effect. Follow the care instructions for the clothes to avoid damage. Place the clothes in newly purchased garbage bags and seal them tightly. Do not open the bags until they are in the temporary residence.

## How to Detect Bed

Bed bugs can only crawl. They often spread by hitching a ride on items from one place to another—for example, in a suitcase from vacation, a handbag, or a walker that is moved between residences. They are active at night and hide during the day. They tend to stay in or near the tenant's bed. Bed bugs usually bite the wrists, neck, or ankles. The bites can itch.

A sign of bed bugs is their droppings, which look like small black dots. Therefore, look for dark spots in all corners and crevices of the bed, as well as for dead bed bugs. Larger colonies may emit a slightly musty smell.



# TENANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- A tenant must not bring furniture or other items into the apartment if there is or is suspected to be pests in them.
- A tenant must immediately report to the landlord if pests are detected.
- A tenant is obligated to accept restrictions on the right of use when pests are being eradicated.
- A tenant who is responsible for the pests themselves is not entitled to compensation from Fastpartner.
- A tenant must fully comply with the pest control company's instructions.
- A tenant who, through negligence, causes pests may lose their tenancy rights. The same applies if the tenant fails to report pests and they spread.

## TIPS TO AVOID BED

## REPORT ANY ISSUES IMMEDIATELY

Faults are reported via Fastpartner's website,

[www.fastpartner.se](http://www.fastpartner.se).

Remember that you are obliged to report any faults or defects in the apartment to Fastpartner as soon as possible. This also applies if you discover pests or vermin.

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