

Information about Bed Bugs

California Assembly Bill 551 requires landlords to provide this information to prospective renters and current tenants. The availability of this information to you does not imply that any specific property has had a bed bug infestation; this information is provided as general information in compliance with state law.

Bed bug Appearance: Bed bugs have six legs. Adult bed bugs have flat bodies about 6 mm in length. Their color can vary from red and brown to copper colored. Young bed bugs are smaller, and they have almost no color. When a bed bug feeds, its body swells, may lengthen, and becomes bright red, sometimes making it appear to be a different insect. Bed bugs do not fly. They can either crawl or be carried from place to place on objects, people, or animals. Bed bugs can be hard to find and identify because they are tiny and try to stay hidden.

Life Cycle and Reproduction: An average bed bug lives for about 10 months. Female bed bugs lay one to five eggs per day. Bed bugs grow to full adulthood in about 21 days. Bed bugs can survive for months without feeding.

Bed bug Bites: Because bed bugs usually feed at night, most people are bitten in their sleep and do not realize they were bitten. A person's reaction to insect bites is an immune response, so varies from person to person. Sometimes the red welts caused by the bites will not be noticed until many days after a person was bitten, if at all. Generally speaking, bed bugs bite more than one time and usually those bites are in a line.

Infestation: Common signs and symptoms of a possible bed bug infestation:

- Small red to reddish brown fecal spots on mattresses, box springs, bed frames, mattresses, linens, upholstery, or walls.
- Molted bed bug skins, white, sticky eggs, or empty eggshells.
- Very heavily infested areas may have a characteristically sweet odor.
- Red, itchy bite marks, especially on the legs, arms, and other body parts exposed while sleeping. However, some people do not show bed bug lesions on their bodies even though bed bugs may have fed on them.

Extermination: Tenants should immediately report any bed bugs to the Housing Services office and submit an online Maintenance Request at <http://campuslifeservices.ucsf.edu/housing/>. Only the University, and not Tenant, will provide extermination services at no additional charge to Tenant. Upon Tenant's request, the University will provide a one-time extermination for infestations at no additional charge, when a pest infestation is confirmed by the University's extermination contractors. After the initial extermination, Tenant will be given specific instructions for the care of personal items and any required cleaning. Tenant will pay for any additional extermination by the University when the University deems such additional extermination necessary as the result of the tenant's inability to follow or neglect to follow the provided instructions. Tenant will pay for any extermination for unreported pests that are discovered in the Rental Property after move-out.

Resources: For more information, see the websites of [the United States Environmental Protection Agency](#)