

BED BUG FIRST RESPONDER GUIDE

WHAT TO DO WHEN BED BUGS ARE DISCOVERED ON PERSONNEL, GEAR, OR IN VEHICLES, SLEEPING, LIVING, OR WORKING AREAS.

1. DO NOT Panic

- A. Finding a few bed bugs on a person, on clothing, bedding, or in a vehicle does not mean you have an infestation. What you have found is most likely a minor incident of bed bugs hitchhiking.
- B. **DO NOT** move personnel in an area where a few bed bugs have been found to another area. This will only move the bed bugs.
- C. **DO NOT** purchase any pesticides and **DO NOT** self-treat with pesticides.
- D. **DO NOT** contact and have a pest control company come out to treat for bed bugs.
- E. Designate a POC to gather facts and to coordinate with the Environmental Office, DIMR, and Range Control who will help with the bed bug response.

2. Notify

- A. If you are at a training site, contact Range Control or other training site POC designated at your in-briefing.

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- B. If you are not at a training site, contact Facilities Maintenance (DIMR).

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- C. Also, **always** contact the OHARNG Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPMC), an alternate IPMC, or other Environmental POC.

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3. Identify the Source

- A. Photograph and/or trap a sample bed bug between clear tape.
- B. Identify the soldier with bed bugs.
- C. Identify the soldier's gear.
- D. Identify the soldier's sleeping and working areas and transportation.
- E. Identify other soldiers who have had close contact with the source along with their gear, sleeping areas, and work areas.

4. Inspect and Isolate

- A. Have the soldiers identified above thoroughly inspect themselves, their beds, gear, clothing, transportation, and sleeping and work areas for bed bugs.
- B. Isolate items / equipment found to contain bed bugs. Clothing and bedding can be placed in tightly sealed plastic bags and left in the sun to bake.
- C. Notify Facilities Maintenance (DIMR), Environmental, and Range Control if and where bed bugs were found.

5. Treatment

- A. The source person and those in contact with the source person need to take a thorough hot shower.
- B. Launder all bedding, clothing, etc. in hot water (at least 122F) and dry on a hot setting for at least 30 minutes. Launder even if bed bugs were not found.
- C. Vacuum mattresses, vehicles, etc. with a bed bug vacuum or otherwise remove bed bugs. Bags with bed bugs must be tightly sealed to prevent escape and disposed of in a dumpster.
- D. Continue to use the working and sleeping areas after treatment and continue to inspect, isolate, and treat during the duration of the training event.
- E. Facilities Management will inspect and as appropriate treat the location(s) where bed bugs were identified after the soldiers leave.

6. Major Infestation: If a bed bug incident during a training event is not effectively treated with the above methodology, DIMR and Environmental will advise leadership on a case by case basis.

7. Bed Bug Facts and Information: More information is available from The Ohio State University at <https://u.osu.edu/bedbugs/faq/>.