# BED BUGS 101:



# A HOSPITALITY PROFESSIONAL'S GUIDE TO RECOGNITION AND PREVENTION

Bed bugs can reproduce quickly, so it's critical to detect and treat infestations early. Here are a few tips for spotting evidence of a bed bug problem and what you can do to help.

## "Spotting" the Signs

Bed bugs typically hide during the daytime and know when people are sleeping, so it's difficult to spot them. To check for signs of bed bug activity...

#### Inspect:



- Mattresses and box springs, including tags and seams
- Soft furniture, including under seat cushions
- Ceilings
- Behind headboards
- · Frayed wallpaper edges
- · Electrical outlets

#### Signs of bed bugs:



- Live bed bugs
- Cast skins
- Fecal smears, which look like tiny, ink-colored stains
- · Bites on humans

### If Evidence of Bed Bugs Is Found

#### Do Not:

- Disturb the area further (an untouched space helps Orkin® diagnose the problem).
- Remove any items from the area.

#### Do:

- ✓ Report signs to maintenance staff immediately.
- ✓ Take the room out of service and into quarantine.
- ✓ Move guests to a new room.
- Pre-treat room any guests have been moved to.
- Contact Orkin for an inspection.

If your Orkin Pro<sup>™</sup> finds bed bugs during their inspection, they will ask you to prepare specific rooms for service according to our Bed Bug Service Preparation Checklist, which includes:

- Pulling furniture into the room's center and turning over.
- Removing or loosening all items attached to the walls.
- Loosening any carpet around the perimeter of the room.
- Vacuuming the mattress, box springs and carpets along baseboards.

# Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite.

Contact Orkin to partner with the gold standard in pest control.