



BED BUGS

Although once common, most people today have never encountered bedbugs. The presence of this particular pest was significantly reduced during the 1950s, although the pest control industry as a whole is now reporting a large increase in their numbers. This is resulting in more and more people coming into contact with this particular pest.

As the name suggests, bedbugs are normally, although not exclusively, encountered in and around bedrooms or sleeping accommodation. Their presence can be particularly distressing to members of the public, due to their parasitic lifecycle, in that they feed on us as we sleep.

Often the first that people are aware of the presence of bedbugs in their homes is when they encounter unexplained bites marks about their bodies. Reactions to these bites can vary considerably from person to person. Reaction times can also be delayed for several days after the actual bite was inflicted.

A detailed survey of premises is always required prior to the commencement of any treatment to confirm the presence and extent of bedbug activity. There may be other possible causes for unexplained 'bite like' marks, some of which may require medical attention rather than pest control intervention.

Whilst the presence of this pest inside a domestic home may be distressing for individual homeowners; its presence in commercial premises can also have far reaching financial consequences.

Hotels or similar establishments are particularly susceptible to bedbugs being introduced and rapidly establishing themselves due to a variety of factors. We are able to provide ongoing monitoring, in-house staff training and a variety of specialist services or treatments to hotels, care homes or similar premises.

Where appropriate, heat treatments may be used to supplement or replace normal methods. Specialist trained dogs may also be used to assist in surveying of large commercial premises.

This enables us to quickly and accurately identify the extent of the activity, reduce treatment times and enable unaffected rooms to remain in service.

It is advisable that for these types of premises, regular bedbug monitoring form part of an ongoing Integrated Pest Management Programme. This not only prevents problems arising, it also provides evidence of 'Due diligence' in the event of a complaint.

If you suspect that you are encountering bedbug activity, it is advisable to contact us before attempting to undertake treatment yourself. We are always happy to give advice over the phone or have our experienced staff attend and undertake a no obligation survey. There may be a small charge for this service to cover our costs.