

# MODEL NOTICE

## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS: BEDBUG PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Bedbugs readily hide in small crevices: They may act as stowaways on luggage, furniture, clothing, pillows, and boxes. Used furniture, particularly bed frames and mattresses, are of greatest risk of being a home for bedbugs and their eggs. Check everything you intend to bring into your home before you bring it in.

Management is responsible for treating an infested apartment in a timely manner. Please notify the manager right away for instructions on removal of household items. The resident is responsible for informing management of any pest problems and preparing the apartment for treatment.

### FACTS

#### Where do they live?

Bedbugs can be found:

- In mattresses, bed frames, and sheets;
- Behind loose wallpaper or picture frames;
- Under carpets or rugs;
- In crevices or cracks in walls and floors;
- Behind pictures on walls;
- In baseboards, electrical boxes, and wall outlets;
- In curtains and draperies;
- In window and door frames;
- In furniture;
- In ceiling moldings.

**Life Cycle:** Females lay about 200 eggs, usually at the rate of three or four per day.

**Type of Damage:** They feed mainly at night on human blood by piercing the skin and sucking blood into their stomachs. Bedbugs can go without feeding for more than 18 months.

### CONTROL

#### What should you do when you see a bedbug in your apartment?

- Inform the manager immediately so the apartment can be treated.
- Inspect thoroughly the bed and mattress.
- Frequently vacuum the mattress and premises. After vacuuming, immediately place the vacuum cleaner bag in a plastic bag, seal tightly, and discard in a container outdoors.
- Scrub the mattress and other surfaces. A stiff brush can be used to dislodge bedbugs and eggs.
- Place bedding and clothes in plastic garbage bags and wash bedding and garments in hot water. Dispose of contaminated garbage bag.
- Clean and sanitize your premises.
- Reduce clutter and remove debris from in and around the home.
- Bedbugs don't fly. They cannot climb glass or metal easily. Move the bed away from walls, keep bedding off the floor, or from touching walls to help prevent infestation.

### PREVENTION

#### What you should do to avoid infestation?

- Do not take free items or give free items away in public areas.
- Do not let others use your vacuum.
- Do not bring potentially infested items into your home.
- Regularly clean and vacuum your apartment and keep it free of clutter.
- Inspect your bedding, furniture, clothing, and baggage. Look for signs of bedbugs such as their tell-tale fecal spots or blood stains from crushed bugs.
- Carefully inspect secondhand items.
- Bedbugs can wander between adjoining apartments through voids in walls and holes through which wires and pipes pass.