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

“SPOTTING” THE SIGNS:

- Bed bugs are typically in hiding during the daytime, so it’s difficult to spot them.
- Instead, look for tiny, rust-colored stains they leave behind on:
  - Mattress tags and seams
  - Ceilings
  - Under seat cushions
  - Behind headboards (only need to inspect behind these every 3-4 mos.)
- Keep an eye out for potential hiding places (buckling wallpaper or carpet) or conditions that attract bed bugs like heat or moisture.
- Report such issues to maintenance immediately.

IF TRACES OF BED BUGS ARE FOUND:

DO NOT:

- Disturb the room further (leaving the “scene” untouched helps Orkin diagnose the problem)
- Take any items out of the room

DO:

- Take the room out of service and quarantine it.
- If the room is occupied, work with management to move residents to a new room.
- Contact Orkin immediately to:
  1. inspect the infested room
  2. pre-treat room to which any residents are to be moved.

IF ORKIN INSPECTION CONFIRMS BED BUGS:

- Prepare the designated rooms for service according to Orkin’s Bed Bug Service Preparation Checklist, which includes:
  - Pulling furniture into center of room and turning over
  - Removing or loosening all items attached to the walls
  - Loosening carpet around the perimeter of each room
  - Vacuuming the mattress, box springs and carpets along baseboards.