

# BED BUGS 101:

## A MULTIFAMILY PROFESSIONAL'S GUIDE TO RECOGNITION AND PREVENTION

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

#### DO:

- Quarantine the apartment
- Contact Orkin immediately to inspect the infested apartment

### IF ORKIN INSPECTION CONFIRMS BED BUGS:

- Prepare the designated apartment 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



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