

Community IPM

Bed Bug Management—One Step at a Time!

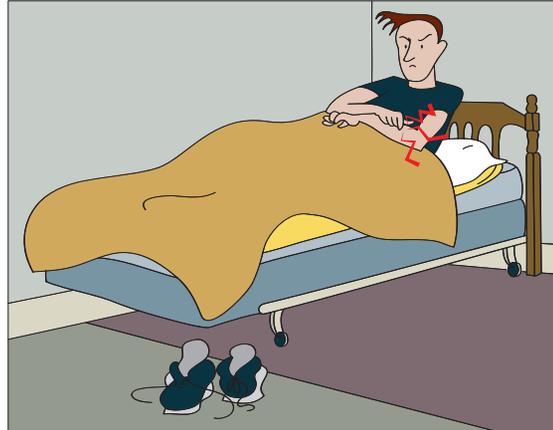
Step 1: Inspection

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1 Sleep tight.



2 Is that a bite?



3 Could it be bed bugs?



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Inspect your bedroom: knife, flashlight, pill jar, sandwich bag, screwdriver, tweezers, contractor bags.



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Inspect cracks and crevices near the bed, including floor molding ...



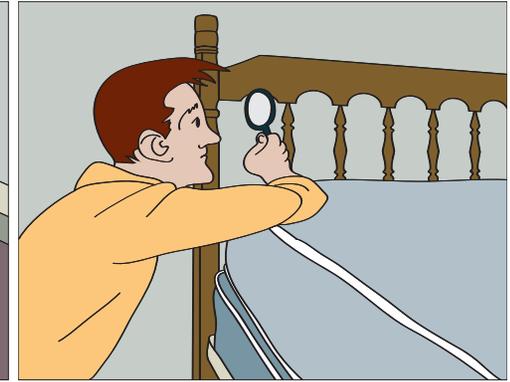
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... electrical outlets and switchplate covers ...



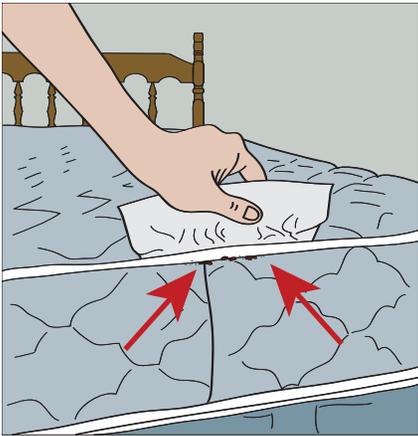
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... the bedframe and headboard ...



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... under the mattress tag ...



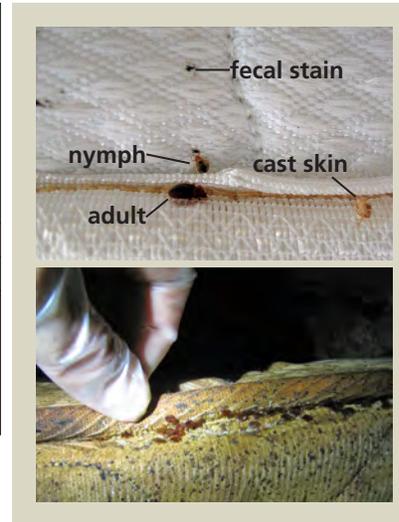
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... seams on the mattress and boxsprings.



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Bed bug evidence

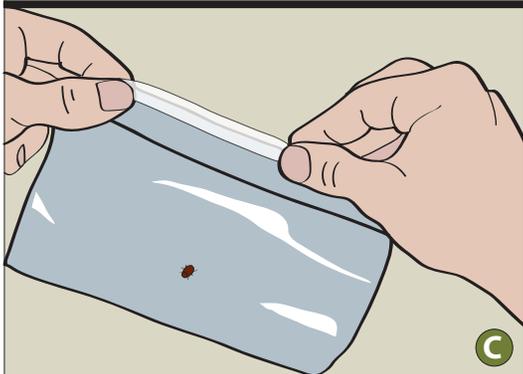
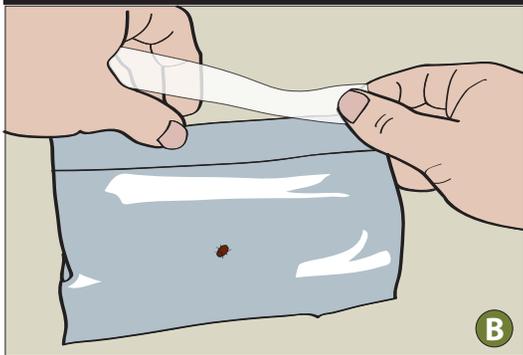


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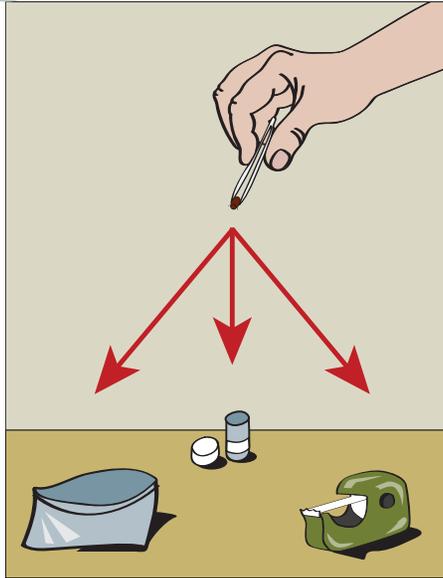
Don't worry!



14 Seal insect in a plastic bag ...



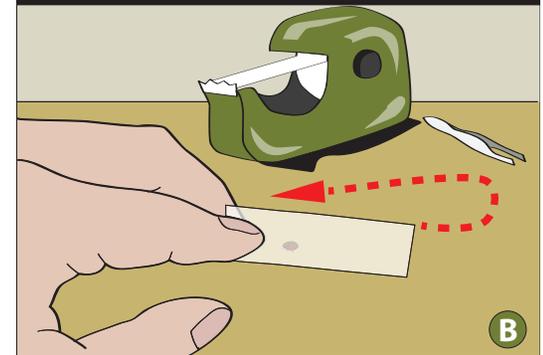
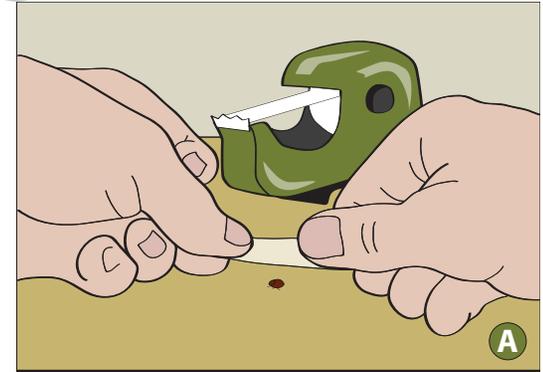
13 Collect a sample.



15 ... or place insect in a pill jar ...



16 ... or seal insect in clear tape.



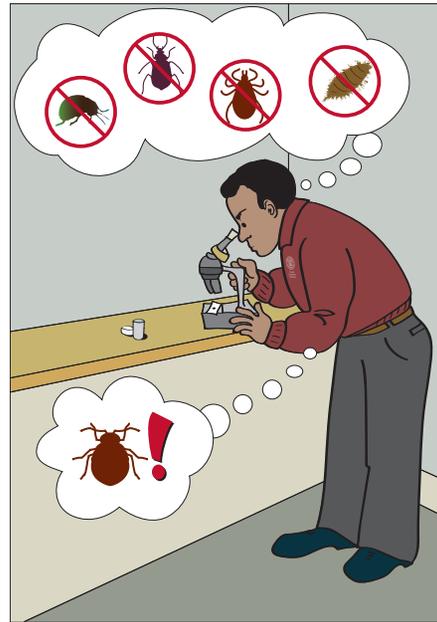
17 Visit a county Extension office.



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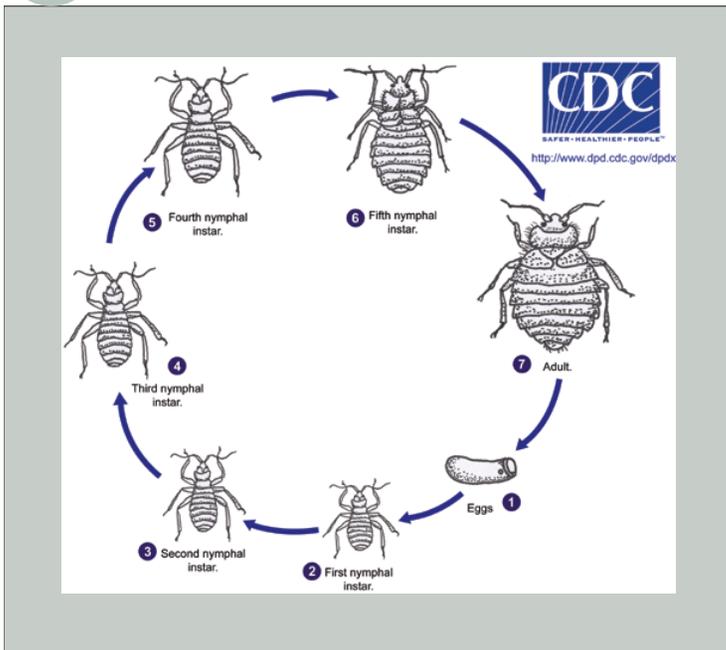
19 Other insects may look like bed bugs. Correct identification is important.



20 Learn about bed bug biology.



21 Life stages of the bed bug.



22 Bed bug bites itch ...



23 ... but they are not known to transmit any disease.



24 Time to make a plan.



25a Do it yourself ...



25b ... or call a qualified professional.




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The next step is *Get Rid of Clutter*.



For more information, see: *What's Bugging You? Bed Bugs*



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