Connor'S
PEST PROTECTION

Tips for Travelers

Bed bug infestations have increased 63% since 2007. Here are tips from Connor's to help you sleep tight and not let the bed bugs bite.

1. **Inspect** your hotel room for signs of a bed bug infestation. Look for small brown or red spots on sheets. If it's a large infestation, the room may have a sweet, syrupy smell. Bed bugs aren't related to cleanliness, and a 5-star hotel can have an infestation just as easily as a 1-star hotel can. Bed bugs don't spread disease, but they can leave itchy, bloody bites on your skin.

2. **Lift** mattresses, box springs, bedding, and furniture cushions and look underneath. Bed bugs are nocturnal and during daylight they often hide in crevices of mattresses, bedding, bedposts/headboards, or upholstery.

3. **Protect** your belongings by keeping suitcases and other items up off the floor. Use the hotel's luggage rack after you have inspected it for telltale bed bug signs. Position the luggage rack away from the bed and from the wall, to limit the possibility of a bed bug finding its way into your baggage.

4. **Check** your belongings while repacking, looking for bed bugs or signs of bedbug activity. Bed bugs like to hitchhike, so be sure to check your luggage and contents again before bringing them into the house. Connor's recommends unpacking in your garage or utility room.

5. **Call** a pest professional if you suspect that bed bugs have infiltrated your home. Bed bugs are hard to kill and can survive temperatures up to 113 degrees Fahrenheit, so successful treatment requires the use of a licensed pest control professional with bed bug experience. Call Connor's… we are here to help protect your home, your family, and your peace of mind.

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