

Bed Bugs



Bed bugs are not known to be frequent carriers of disease and their importance is related mostly to the irritation following their bites.

There are 2 main types of bed bug. The most common bed bugs are the Common Bed Bug and the Martin Bug - this normally lives in birds' nests but can bite man.

They breed by laying eggs which usually hatch out after about 10 - 20 days, the bugs then grow through a series of stages, at each one of which they need to feed on blood, until they become adults after about 9-18 weeks.

They are found in the seams of mattresses and soft furnishings and also in cracks in walls and around doorframes where they hide when not feeding.

Service Provided

The Council carries out Bed Bug Treatments in both Domestic and Commercial properties. The treatment consists of spraying an insecticide onto surfaces where the bed bugs crawl; the insecticide works rapidly and kills most insects on contact. The insecticide will continue to work for up to 2 months and so you should not clean it off until after all the bed bugs are dead. It is recommended that you vacuum all carpets before the treatment and avoid vacuuming again for at least 2 weeks.

You will usually notice a reduction in the number of bed bugs within 2-3 days but it may take longer to kill off all the insects, as the eggs will continue to hatch out. The treatment is very effective but there are occasions when it does not work, if you are still seeing bed bugs 4 weeks after the treatment please let us know and we will come and re-assess.

Safety Information

The insecticides that the Council uses are the safest available and do not pose any risk to people or pets with the exception of fish which have similar body structures to insects and so can be affected if they come into contact with the insecticide. You will however be left an information sheet on the insecticide used by the operative.

Disclaimer

The treatment will involve spraying affected areas with a water based insecticide. In some cases as a consequence of the treatment, temporary or permanent staining or marking of sprayed surfaces can occur. Whilst every care is taken to minimise the likelihood of this happening, treatment is undertaken at the customers own risk. Any concerns should be discussed with the Pest Officer prior to the treatment commencing.

For Pest Control treatment: 01454 868001

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