blood from animals or people. Bed bugs can live for 1O months, and can go weeks without feeding. They can obtain their meal in as little as three minutes, after which they are engorged and drop off the host, then crawl into a hiding place to digest their meal. The common bed bug are roughly the size, shape and color of an apple seed: ¼ of an inch in length and light or

reddish- brown in color. Immature forms of bed bugs are smaller and lighter in color.

Eggs are tiny and white. You should be able to see the adult form with your naked eye, but may need a magnifying glass to see the immature forms or eggs. Bed bugs can be easily confused with other small insects.

**Where do Bed Bugs Live?**

Bedbugs get their name because they like to hide in bedding and mattresses. Bed bugs can be found anywhere

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people sleep, sit or lay down. They can be found on mattresses and box springs, especially near the piping, seams and tags, and in cracks and crevices of head boards and bed frames. They can also be found in other furniture, especially in the seams and zippers of chairs arm, couches, in the folds of curtains, in drawer joints, in electrical outlets, in baseboards, behind picture frames and in other tight spaces.

**How can bed bugs get into my unit?**

Bed bugs can get into a unit by hitching a ride on mattresses or other bedding, furniture, clothing, shoes, pets and baggage. Once in a unit they can crawl from one room to another, or get into an adjacent unit by crawling through small cracks or holes in walls or ceilings or under doors.

Because bed bugs do not have wings, they cannot fly into or around your unit.

**What can** I **do to prevent bed bugs from getting into my unit?**

Bed bugs can be found most anywhere, so always be aware of your surroundings. Always check furniture and bedding, especially those bought secondhand. Never bring items that someone else has disposed of into your unit, as these items may be infested with bed bugs. When traveling always inspect furniture/items at hotels and stores before you leave. When returning home from travel,

always inspect your luggage

carefully for signs of bed bugs before you bring the luggage into your apartment or home.

**Do bed bugs transmit disease?**

No, bed bugs are not known to transmit disease. Their bites, like those of other insects, may cause an allergic reaction with swelling, redness and itching. Their presence may cause people to be anxious and lose sleep.

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