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# The Workplace – Office/School Buildings



## The Office -

- Multiple routes of entry for bed bugs – staff, visitors, clients, service contractors, and neighboring businesses.
- The more “stuff” brought into your office, the better chance of a bed bug hitching a ride to your location. Save that possible bed bug for positive ID, use tape.

## The Office -

- Keep in mind that the office environment is not conducive for bed bugs to maintain a viable colony (little upholstery/more plastic, more visible, prefer to feed at night, etc.) Need for monitoring devices?
- If your employee has bed bugs in their home, do you want them to work from home?

# The Office –

- Educate your employees about bed bugs.
- Do your employees conduct house visits?  
If they do conduct house visits, who will pay the treatment bill if: their dwelling becomes infested or their clients' dwelling becomes infested because of your staff?
- Have a pest control company ready to respond.





# The School -



## The School –

- Similar in respects to the office environment, not a conducive location for bed bugs to thrive. Transportation hub.
- *Education of the family.*
- Some schools already have a home type dryer for other purposes.
- Does your current pest control contractor respond to bed bug problems?

# The School -

- What protocols are in place when a bed bug is found in a classroom?
- What is sent home to the family?
- What is the next step for the classroom?  
Treatment steps - vacuum, heat?
- Dog used for clearance.



## **The School –**

- Some schools have had their PTA step in and assist families for other matters before bed bugs were a problem.
- Check the task force website for specific educational information regarding the school and office environment.

# The School – Is this the answer?



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- Bug - an insect or other creeping or crawling invertebrate (as a spider or centipede).



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