

## **Bedbugs: A pandemic soon in Malaysia?**

Recent reports on infestations by bedbugs, thought long extinct by Pest Managers are now making a beeline to various establishments at hotels, aircrafts, apartments, homes, cinemas and you name it, they are there. All a person needs to do is bring home one "gravid" female bedbug (fertilized and ready to lay eggs) and an infestation could begin. ... Females wander and can get into your personal belongings in any situation, Movie Theater or cargo hold. Your luggage wouldn't become infested; it just might contain a gravid female. If a person picked up a nymph (juvenile) only, they might get bitten but would not start an infestation.

**Description and Behavior** Bed bugs are small, brown, flat insect pests which feed mainly on the blood of other animals. The typical bed bug, *Cimex lectularis*, is the species most comfortable in existing with human beings. They are so cozy in actual fact, that they've been living with people since ancient times. Grownup bed bugs generally gauge about 3/16 inches long and are reddish brown in color. They are generally taken wrongly for ticks and cockroaches. Young bed bugs are quite comparable to grownups but are more compact and lighter in color.

They frequently lay one to two eggs per day which accumulate to hundreds during their life time. The eggs are pretty much as small as a dust speck that it really is extremely hard to notice them with out magnification. They are quite sticky when first laid, that's exactly why these eggs could cling to the surface.



### **Bedbugs Control:**

Depending on the severity of the infestations, controls may range with spraying permethrin at their harborages (usually along the seams of beds and mattresses) crack & crevices of windows & doors, closets or cabinets. For Serious infestations fumigation is highly recommended to annihilate all stages of bedbugs including the fatality of their eggs.