

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY - SAMPLE

Staff: How to conduct oneself in an infested room (avoid leaning or sitting on beds, take the minimum of equipment into the room, avoid placing items on the bed, etc),

- What PPE should be used,
- How, when and where PPE should be disposed of,
- How bed bug infested items should be handled,
- Manual handling processes (if for example, staff need to move beds and mattresses for inspection),
- How to dis-insect ones own clothing, or items taken into an infested room,
- The limitations of the individual staff's duties (e.g. when a qualified trades person must be consulted).

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

PPE that should be available to staff includes:

- Disposable overalls,
- Disposable gloves,
- Disposable boot covers,
- Dust masks,
- Insect repellent (used in heavy infestations and should be applied to clothing),
- Ziplock bags for holding disposable items after leaving the room,
- Durable plastic garbage bags (for quarantining large items, eg. clothing).

Disinfection Facilities

Each facility should provide the following for staff who have to deal with bed bug infestations;

- Hot water washing machine,
- Hot dryer,
- Plastic zip lock bags for potentially infested clothing or dissolvable bags,
- Change room and clothes storage facility,
- Durable plastic garbage bags.

Material Safety and Data Sheets (MSDS)

A current MSDS for each insecticide used to treat the bed bug infestation should be kept and be available for staff if requested. These can be obtained from the Pest Management company that undertakes the treatment.

Sources: U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/Topics/bedbugs.htm

Bed Bug Action Plan for Home Health Care and Social
www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticides/pdf/files/bb-healthcare1.pdf

