



# Quechan Indian Tribe

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# Bed Bug SOP Manual

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The Quechan Pesticides Control Office developed the following guidelines.

## Introduction

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) outlines the guidelines for detecting, reporting, and managing bed bug infestations within the Quechan Tribal community.

## Detection and Inspection

- **Initial Report:** Any individual suspecting a bed bug infestation should contact the Quechan Pesticide Control Office at (760)-572-0771.
- **Inspection:** A qualified Pesticide Control Officer will conduct a thorough inspection of the affected area, including walls, furniture, bedding, and storage areas. Signs of bed bugs, such as live bugs, eggs, or fecal matter, will be carefully assessed.

## Confirmation and Response

- **Confirmation:** Only the Pesticide Control Officer or the Tribal Entity Director can confirm a bed bug infestation.
- **Notification:** In the event of a confirmed infestation, the Quechan Tribal Government, Tribal Administrator, Indian Health Service, and relevant supervisors will be notified.
- **Treatment Plan:** A professional pest control company or the Quechan Pest Control Department will be contracted to develop and implement a comprehensive treatment plan.
- **Approval:** Before treatment, approval from the Quechan Tribal Administrator must be obtained.
- **Communication:** Affected individuals will receive detailed information regarding the treatment process and preventative measures.
- **Scope of Treatment:** Treatment may extend to adjacent areas as a precautionary measure.
- **Follow-up:** Multiple treatments and inspections may be necessary to eradicate the infestation.
- **Temporary Closure:** If deemed necessary, the Quechan Tribal Administrator may authorize the temporary closure of the affected area.

## Prevention and Monitoring

- **Monitoring:** In cases where no bed bugs are found, a monitoring system may be implemented as a precautionary measure.
- **Other Pests:** Appropriate treatment may be administered if other pest issues are identified.
- **Health Concerns:** Individuals experiencing health issues should consult their healthcare provider.

## Bed Bug Management Procedures

- **Preparation:** Clean the affected area thoroughly and bag all potentially infested items before treatment.
- **Laundry:** Launder all affected clothing and bedding in hot water and dry on high heat for at least 30 minutes.
- **Storage:** Place clean items in sealed bags until the infestation is eradicated.
- **Follow-up:** Conduct regular inspections to monitor for any signs of re-infestation.
- **Reporting:** Report any new infestations immediately to the Quechan Pesticide Control Office.

## Bed Bug Prevention

- **Avoid bringing infested items into your home or workplace.**
- **Inspect used furniture and bedding carefully before bringing it into your home.**
- **Be vigilant for signs of bed bugs when traveling.**

## Bed Bug Facts

- **Bed bugs are small, wingless insects that feed on human blood.**
- **Bed bug bites are typically painless but can cause itchy welts.**
- **Bed bugs do not transmit diseases.**
- **Bed bugs can live for several months without feeding.**
- **Infestations can occur in any living space.**

## Additional Information

For additional information on bed bug problems, please visit the Quechan Pesticide Control Office or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website.

