



Protect-A-Bed®, one of the world's leading bedding protectors, offers an entire line of protection products for pillows and mattresses that enable hotel owners and operators to create a healthy, comfortable sleep environment for their guests. As awareness of the resurgence of bed bug infestations grows and savvy hotel guests learn the importance of inspecting their rooms, hotel owners and operators need to proactively protect their properties' mattresses and box springs against bed bugs.

Protect-A-Bed offers AllerZip®, the world's first scientifically proven bed bug entry, escape and bite proof mattress encasements with the patented Bug Lock™ Secure Seal® and Allergen Flap. The Protect-A-Bed system has been tested in an entomology laboratory to assure customers it is of the highest quality and effectiveness. The recently patented Secure Seal gives hoteliers the peace-of-mind that the encasement cannot be opened inadvertently or tampered with. Leading entomologists, like Rick Cooper, stand behind that claim:

“One of the greatest points of vulnerability in encasements is at the zipper end stop, where the zipper pull comes to a rest,” he says. “In addition to the zipper being escape-proof, the Protect-A-Bed encasements feature a patented design that prevents bugs from escaping, even if the zipper pulls back slightly from its closed position.”

Bed bug proof encasements make the tell tale signs of bed bugs – fecal spotting and blood spots – readily identifiable, allowing a pest control professional to address and manage the infestation in a timely manner. Conversely, if encasements aren't used, bed bugs are likely to get inside the mattresses and / or box springs where they will not likely be detected during routine or even intensive inspections. In this case, the guest may be the first to detect and report an infestation to management, opening the door to expensive lawsuits and negative publicity that can take years to recover from.

The key to eliminating bed bug problems is early detection. Using encasements helps in the early detection process but it must be monitored and checked properly. It all comes down to education and training, something Protect-A-Bed offers to all clients.

Protect-A-Bed works with hotels owners and operators around the country to develop and implement an aggressive approach (both proactive and reactive) for dealing with bed bugs in their facilities. The steps they counsel hoteliers to implement may help prevent bed bugs from infesting the properties, may help preserve the hotel's reputation and help save money from managing infested bedding and rooms.

Protect-A-Bed products are listed as a Class 1 Medical Device with the Food and Drug Administration, Health Canada and have received the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.

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