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Laboratory of Public Health Entomology

BED BUG SPECIMEN EVALUATION

Homeowners, tenants and property managers may occasionally discover bed bugs in their homes and apartments. We suggest you have the specimens examined to confirm their identity **before** you consider treating the residence. This is important because many other kinds of insects are easily confused with bed bugs, and because treating a home or apartment can be costly, difficult, and hazardous if not done correctly.

We provide an opportunity for you to confirm the identity of the bugs you discovered. We will examine the samples you find, and reply with our observations. Specifically, we will tell you the kind of insect you found, whether these are of concern, and what you may do to manage these pests. The samples you submit are considered for entomological identification; they are not to be regarded as clinical laboratory specimens. Consult with your physician for medical advice and diagnosis.

The information you provide on this form will help us evaluate the sample and respond to you. By completing and submitting the attached form, you consent for us to examine the sample and to contact you later. Although your only foreseeable risk would be a loss of confidentiality, please be aware that we shall not share your name or identifying information with anyone outside of our laboratory. All records will be securely maintained until they are destroyed. Please do not include information beyond that requested on the form.

Send us the evaluation form (with samples attached), payment and a self-addressed envelope. Include a check or money order to defray handling costs and to assist with our research and teaching activities. Once we receive your specimen, it may us take one or more days to process it and send you a reply.

Keep this page for your records.

You may cut out the address below and carefully tape this to your envelope.

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BED BUG EVALUATION REQUEST

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY (If we cannot read your writing, you will NOT receive a reply)

Today's date: _____

Your name: _____

Address of infested property (include apt number) _____

Your phone number: _____ Your email (for fastest reply): _____

You are the: **owner** / **resident** / **manager** of the affected property (circle one choice).

What is your address if you are not the resident where this bug was discovered?

Where in the home or apartment did you find this bug? _____

How many of these bugs have you found during the past month? _____

What have you done to eliminate these insects? _____

May we share this information with your local Dept. of Health? Yes No

Please use **clear tape** to securely affix your insects to this form. Alternatively, you may securely seal the bugs within a small plastic zipper lock bag or plastic pill bottle, and include this in a padded envelope or box. We may not be able to identify specimens that are crushed.

Use clear tape to affix the bug within this box

- Checklist:**
- Form** is neatly and clearly completed
 - Bug** is well attached with clear tape or in secure container
 - Payment** (\$20 check or money order to "President and Fellows of Harvard College")
 - Self-addressed stamped envelope** (only if you wish a reply sent by mail)

-----DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE-----

Date received

Examined

Specimen consistent with: