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## **NATIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION REPORTS RESURGANCE IN BEDBUG INFESTATIONS**

Bedbugs Infesting Residential and Multifamily Homes, Apartment  
Complexes, Residence Halls, Hospitals and Hotels

**2/10/2010(Virginia Beach, VA.)** – According to the National Pest Management Association, pest control companies are reporting a significant increase in the number of calls regarding bedbug infestations. Renowned hitchhikers, bedbugs catch rides in luggage, shoes, pant hems and any other mobile material. Although there is no way to determine the actual cause of the resurgence, experts are attributing the increase to several things, which include global travel and the mobility of the pest.

These infestations can be difficult to detect due to the elusive, nocturnal and transient nature of the pest. Although their name suggests otherwise, bedbugs can be found in carpets, peeling wallpaper, light fixtures, and any crack small enough for a thin insect to hide. According to Don Lenegar for ABC Termite & Pest Control Inc., bedbug infestations are not a sign of unsanitary or unclean living areas.

Adult bedbugs are about the size and shape of a lentil. Their color depends on how recently they have eaten. They turn red after consuming a blood meal and then begin to gradually turn a brownish color. Capable of living up to ten months without a meal, a single bedbug can lay up to 500 eggs in its lifetime.

As bedbugs bite human skin, they inject an anesthetic-like liquid that numbs the skin and allows the pest to bite undisturbed. In fact, humans don't usually wake up when they are being bitten; however, they do find themselves scratching circular, red, itchy welts in the morning.

"Bedbugs infestation are on the rise due to the ports and amount of travel in our area" said Don Lenegar for ABC Termite & Pest Control Inc..

"Bedbug infestations should only be treated by trained, licensed professional pest management companies," says Lenegar. "This is not an infestation that can be treated by do-it-yourself measures. Professionals know where to look and can offer the most up to date methods of bedbug control." For more information on other ant species and preventative tips visit [www.pestworld.org](http://www.pestworld.org) and [www.abctpc.com](http://www.abctpc.com)