

# Bedbugs from the Perspective of the Tenant



## RIGHTS

- The right to live in a property free of pests.
- Safe and healthy environment.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Must report any signs of infestation immediately to landlord/property owner.
- Must comply with efforts by the landlord or pest control companies in order to control pests.

## RESOURCES

Sioux Falls Health Department ..... 605-367-8284  
(Education and general info)

Sioux Falls Building Services ..... 605-367-8673  
(Building- or landlord-related issues or more information on the Property Maintenance Code)

SDMHA (South Dakota Multi-housing Assoc.) ..... 605-336-7756  
(Multi-Housing questions or concerns)

CDC information: [www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/topics/bedbugs.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/topics/bedbugs.htm)



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It is very important to determine where your problems are originating before making further decisions about treatment. If the bedbugs are coming in through walls or common areas, this implies an infestation in areas beyond your control. It is important to notify the landlord immediately if you believe this is the case so that remediation efforts can begin.

If, however, you have experienced bites or seen bedbugs within your apartment, you need to begin taking steps to get rid of them. There are many different things you can and should do in order to effectively control them. Once control is achieved, it is the tenant's responsibility to maintain such efforts. Look on the City of Sioux Falls' website for detailed information about finding them and controlling them: [www.siouxfalls.org/bedbugs](http://www.siouxfalls.org/bedbugs).

**DO NOT** ignore this issue! Bedbug populations can quickly get out of hand if they are not addressed. You can put yourself at risk of losing furniture and other belongings. Being proactive can protect the things most important to you!

## **PROACTIVE STEPS**

- Keep your home free of clutter and debris.
- Wash your bedding and laundry weekly.
- Vacuum regularly.

## **REACTIVE STEPS**

- Report suspicions immediately.
- Perform the above tasks and use appropriate products available for bedbug control diligently for four to five weeks in order to break the life cycle.
- Seek professional advice on treatment methods such as chemical or heat treatments.
- If using products to control bedbugs, **ALWAYS** follow label instructions and use only as advised.