

MCFRS Bed Bug Notification Process - Potentially Infested Apparatus Station Officers Checklist

In the event an EMS Unit and/or crew transports and/or comes into contact with a possible infested patient or surroundings, the following actions should be taken.

- Station Officer notifies Safety 700 (240/793-9779) of possible infestation of Apparatus and notifies his/her Chain-of-Command.
- The Station Officer **must**:
 - Ensure the affected unit(s) is parked outside and all compartments are locked and the unit is secured.
 - Advise personnel that NO equipment will be removed from the unit.
 - Have the crew assigned to the unit(s) remove all clothing to limit the potential of infestation.
 - Have personnel remove all clothing and place them into garbage bags.
 - Have personnel immediately place clothing into a dryer on high heat to kill bugs.
 - Have the clothing immediately washed and dried.
 - Have personnel shower and check for any bed bug bites.
 - Have personnel place any garments or towels that were used to shower in the dryer on high heat first, then wash and dry them.
 - Ensure affected areas are cleaned and advise the exterminator of any areas where personnel may have wandered in the station, prior to or after decontamination.
 - Ensure personnel at facility are encouraged to shower and change their clothes at the end of their shift. To the extent possible, soiled clothing and bedding should be washed at the station to limit cross-contamination.
 - Ensure a 1st Report of Injury is completed for anyone experiencing an allergic reaction to bites. **The presence of an infestation does NOT constitute an exposure.**
 - Ensure that all other station officers and all personnel at your assigned station or facility are notified of the problem and provide available literature on bed bugs.

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- Obtain MSDS for product(s) used by exterminator and ensure they are posted in the affected facility.
- If PPE shows evidence of infestation, please have it bagged and marked: "Contaminated with bed bugs."
- Once the unit has been treated by the exterminator, it **must** be decontaminated including all equipment and bags, using normal procedures.