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With bed bug infestations rising at an alarming rate, proper bedding inspections have fast joined the front line of defense in protecting against and preventing the establishment of exhaustive infestations with this insidious pest. Allergy Technologies strives to support pest management professionals (PMPs) in the fight against bed bugs — not only through its product line of **ActiveGuard Mattress Liners**, but by sharing its team's knowledge and expertise. For example, here's a basic checklist of inspection activities of bedding to protect your clients:



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- Spend the majority of a bedding inspection searching mattresses, box springs and any of the surrounding areas. These areas can include headboards, night stands, lamp shades, or any pictures hanging on the walls.

- Areas should be searched from the bed working your way out, rather than from the outside of the bed inward.

- Bed bugs are very flat and can slip between creases — or often inside the stitching, tufting and edges of a mattress; pay special attention if there are any holes or tears. Box springs, especially the wooded support structure within the underside of the dust cover, are notorious sites for bed bug harborage. Make sure to inspect the frame of the bed as well.

- As a rule of thumb, if a credit card can fit through the area, a bed bug can, too. Classic areas are the space between the headboard and adjoining wall, holes made by picture hooks, and the underside of drawers.

- Adult bed bugs may approximate the size of an apple seed, but juvenile forms and eggs may be more difficult to identify because of their small size.

- Keep in mind that not all incidents will result in bites, and with some people, it may be days before a welt appears.



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