



Stop Bed Bugs is an interactive bilingual online training module about bed bug prevention and management. The module helps renters recognize, restrict, and report bed bugs and helps landlords comply with California state regulations associated with bed bugs.

Why Take This Course

In 2016 California enacted Assembly Bill 551, an amendment to existing habitability law that applies to all rental housing in California.

AB 551 requires landlords to provide a notice with bed bug information. It does not require landlords to provide the notice in languages other than English and does not require that the renter read the notice.

The goal of this course is to get this vital information to renters to help prevent the spread of bed bugs in California.



Resources

You will also find bed bug resources in both English and Spanish that detail basic bed bug biology and behavior, bed bug prevention techniques, and bed bug management best practices.

Project Partners

The course was developed with funding from the California Department of Pesticides Regulation by a team of pest management experts, educators, and rental housing professionals.



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Tenant Bed Bug Rights and Responsibilities: California Assembly Bill 551

According to California Law, Landlords must provide tenants with safe housing, free of pests.

1  Landlords cannot evict tenants, increase rent, or decrease services due to bed bug infestations, provided the tenant has reported the infestation in accordance with this law.

Landlords are not allowed to rent dwellings they know to have bed bugs, but they do not have to inspect for bed bugs without notice of an infestation. That's why it's important to let landlords know there may be a problem.



3  Landlords need to give new tenants written information about bed bug identification, biology, prevention, reporting, and treatment options.

Tenants need to cooperate with dwelling inspections to help in the detection and treatment of bed bugs.



5  Within two days following a professional inspection, the landlord shall notify tenants within inspected dwellings, in writing, of the inspection findings. All tenants shall be notified if bed bugs are found within common areas.

For more information on the bill and your rights and responsibilities regarding bed bugs please scan the code below.



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