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Sentry



# Your guide to preventing bed bugs with BugScents™ Sentry

By Arctech Innovation



## Sleep sound, when there are no bed bugs around.

BugScents™ Sentry rapidly detects bed bugs. It's small, discrete and slips into your hand luggage then under your bed. Perfect for business travel, family holidays and anyone worried about unwanted pests.

## Don't worry about bed bugs!

Most hotel rooms are free from bed bugs, and there's no need to worry excessively about them. Importantly, bed bugs do not transmit diseases. If you notice bites, particularly during the warmer months, they are likely from mosquitoes rather than bed bugs. However, bed bugs are becoming more widespread and concerns about bed bugs can affect sleep quality. Plus, you don't want to take them home with you!





**Let  
BugScents™  
Sentry keep  
watch while  
you sleep.**



## **What is a bed bug?**

Bed bugs are small insects that feed on human and animal blood, found in all regions of the world. They are most active at night when people are in deep sleep.



## How do bed bugs spread?

Bed bugs can enter homes and hotels by hitching a ride on used furniture, bags, and clothing.

They are adept at hiding in small crevices and during the daytime they are normally hidden away, under mattresses, furniture and even behind skirting boards, making them difficult to detect and eliminate.

Left untreated, they are likely to multiply. Early detection using BugScents™ Sentry is therefore extremely important.



## How to identify a bed bug

They are small, flat, oval shaped and reddish-brown in colour, wingless and about the size of an apple pip.

Signs of an infestation include small blood stains on mattresses or furniture, and a sweet, musty odour.



## Inspecting your home or hotel room for bed bugs

Bed bugs can hide in various places, not just beds. Common hiding spots include:

- Mattresses, bed frames, and headboards
- Nightstands, dressers, curtains, and window frames
- Pictures, picture frames, loose wallpaper, and peeling paint
- Upholstered furniture, baseboards, and electrical outlets



## Tips for avoiding unwanted hitchhikers

Preventing bed bug infestations involves practical measures:



Early detection is key:  
Detect bed bugs early with our detector BugScents™ Sentry.



Avoid placing or leaving clothing and bags on the floor or on the bed.

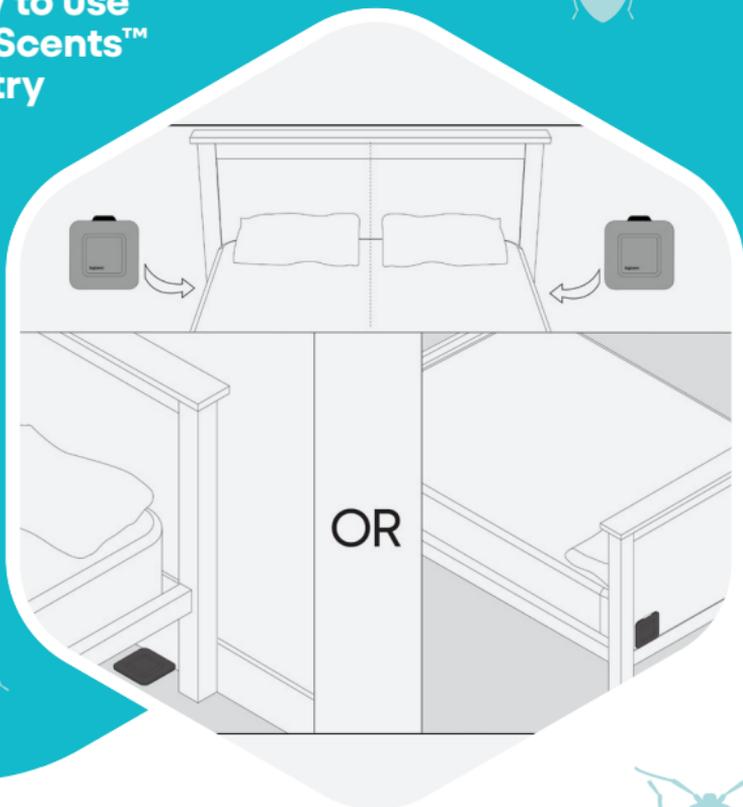


Keep your luggage zipped up and off the floor.



If you have bed bugs in your home, bug sprays may not be enough to eradicate bed bugs. It is recommended to use a professional pest controller.

## How to use BugScents™ Sentry



Simply place the detector close to the headboard, under or next to your bed. Check the detector each day and if you find no bed bugs, you can sleep sound knowing there are no bed bugs around.

The detector can also be placed in your suitcase when you travel home to check for any sneaky bed bugs hitching a ride.





## What if you find bed bugs in the detector?

If you aren't sure whether the insect you've found is a bed bug, send us a picture and we'll let you know for sure [support@bugscents.com](mailto:support@bugscents.com).

If you are in a hotel, tell reception or housekeeping and ask to move room.

If you are at home, contact a professional pest controller with bed bug experience to visit.



## The creators of BugScents™

BugScents™ Sentry has been created by scientists at Arctech Innovation, a spin-out of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

We've brought together over a decade of research on the biology and behaviour of insects like bed bugs to find better ways to control them, and all our solutions have been rigorously tested so that you know they work.





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