

## **BED BUGS.....PLEASE READ**

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Dear Champlain Apartments Tenants:

For those of you returning to Burlington, Welcome Back!

I am writing in reference to BED BUGS!! There have been 18 cases reported so far in the City of Burlington, which means there are likely many more as most cases go unreported. This number is compared to one case reported last year. Most cases have been in our Old North End of Burlington but this is NOT an income-related problem. BED BUGS are very serious and have the potential to affect everyone if precautions are not taken!

I want to talk prevention and to work together to eliminate the possibility of bed bugs. Please take the time to read the following links and do think twice before bringing used furniture or clothing into your apartment. Please be cautious about where you are sleeping if it is not in your own apartment. These pests can be transported in used furniture or clothing and can also be found in hotels and other public spaces. Please choose wisely where you sleep.

Currently, we do not have any reported cases of bed bugs within Champlain Apartments. If for any reason you believe you do have bed bugs, please notify me immediately!!!! There has been a huge outbreak in NYC and these bugs are on the move. They have been found in hotels, in movie theaters and in office spaces. I feel if we all work together, educate ourselves, and are responsible we can prevent these unwanted pests from sharing your living space.

**I am asking you to be very aware, cautious, and to refrain from bringing free and/or used mattresses, furniture, or clothing into your apartments. Please be cautious about where you sleep and about what hotels and friend's apartments you stay at.** If you have been traveling you MAY want to use a local laundry service and wash clothes in HOT water. If you do not want to wash your clothing another alternative is to seal them in a plastic bag for six months.

Again, please read the following links to educate yourselves and your roommates about bed bugs. The Harvard link is the best and very educational!!! Lets prevent!

**Sleep tight don't let the Bed Bugs bite!!!! This is a reality!**

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[http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/bedbugs/documents/BedBugs\\_Guidelines\\_for\\_Shelters\\_Group\\_Living\\_Facilities.pdf](http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/bedbugs/documents/BedBugs_Guidelines_for_Shelters_Group_Living_Facilities.pdf)

<http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/bedbugs/index.aspx>

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/bedbugs/#where>

<http://www.wptz.com/news/24695600/detail.html>

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