



# State Bedbug Laws

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A resurgence in the incidence of bedbug infestations across the nation has led to an increased focus in state legislatures on this pest. Bedbugs, which can take up home in clothes, beds, couches and other upholstered items, are not known to carry disease. They can, however, cause rashes and

allergic reactions.

Many state legislatures have laws on the books addressing bedbugs that date back to the early 20th century. Since the recent rise in bedbug infestations, other states have passed laws to address this pest.

To date, 22 states and one territory have laws addressing bedbugs. These address bedbug infestations in rental properties (Arizona, California, Florida, Nebraska and New Hampshire); hotels (Alabama, California, Kansas, Minnesota, Nevada, Ohio, South Dakota and West Virginia); institutional facilities (Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin); schools (New York and Utah); railcars (Illinois); and migrant labor camps (Iowa, Nevada and Pennsylvania). Arizona, Kansas and Texas list bedbugs as public health nuisances. Rhode Island requires commercial pesticide applicators who use restricted pesticides to kill bedbugs to carry proper certification. The U.S. Virgin Islands classify bedbugs as vermin.

For more detailed information on bed bugs see this NCSL presentation "[State Bed Bug Policy](#)." For current state legislation addressing bedbugs, search [NCSL's Environmental Health Legislation Database](#).

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## STATE BEDBUG LAWS

State	Statute Citation	Summary
Alabama	Ala. Admin. Code § 420-3-11-.12 Construction, Maintenance, and Operation of Hotels -Insect and Rodent Control.	Sets effective measures intended to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, cockroaches, bedbugs and other insects on the premises. The premises shall be kept in such condition as to prevent the harborage or feeding of insects or rodents.
Arizona	A.R.S. § 36-601 – Public Nuisances Dangerous to Public Health.	Lists the presence of bedbugs in any public sleeping accommodations a public nuisance dangerous to the public health.
	A.R.S. § 9-500.31 Prohibition on adopting landlord tenant bedbug control requirements.	Prohibits cities and towns from regulating landlord-tenant bedbug controls. Cities and towns may regulate the disposal of items infested with bedbugs.
	A.R.S. § 11-269.11 Prohibition on adopting landlord tenant bedbug control requirements.	Boards of Supervisors may not regulate landlord tenant bedbug controls, however Boards may regulate the disposal of items infested with bedbugs.
	A.R.S. § 33-1319 Bedbug control; landlord and tenant obligations; definitions.	A landlord may not knowingly rent a unit to a tenant that has a bedbug infestation. Tenants may not knowingly bring materials that have been infested with bedbugs into a rental unit. Landlords must provide tenants with educational materials related to bedbugs.
California	25 CCR § 40 State Housing and Community Development-Bedding.	Beds in apartments and hotels that supply beds and bedding to renters must ensure that all bedding is clean and free of bedbugs. Linens must be changed before a new occupier occupies the unit. Hotel bedding must be changed before each new guest arrives.
Florida	West's F.S.A. § 83.51 Landlord's Obligation to Maintain Premises.	Requires landlords make reasonable provisions for the extermination of bedbugs in rental property.

<b>Georgia</b>	Georgia Rules of Department of Public Health Chapter 511-6-2-.13 Insect and Rodent Control.	Tourist accommodations must take appropriate measures to eliminate the presence of rodents, flies, roaches, bed bugs, and other insects on the premise.
<b>Illinois</b>	610 ILCS 85/1 to 85/4 Railroad Sanitation Act.	Requires railcars that will be occupied by the public be free from bedbugs. Requires regular cleaning and inspection of railcars. Provides for penalties.
<b>Iowa</b>	I.C.A. § 138.13 Migrant Labor Camps- Conditions for Permit.	Requires that migrant labor camps establish bedbug control measures in order to be permitted.
<b>Kansas</b>	K.A.R. 4-27-5 2 Lodging Establishments- Imminent health hazard.	Classifies bedbugs as an imminent health hazard. Requires licensees of lodging establishments to cease operations of areas affected by an imminent health hazard and to notify authorities of its presence within 12 hours of discovery.
	K.A.R. 4-27-9 Lodging Establishments- Guest rooms.	Licensees may not rent guest rooms which have been infested by bedbugs. The licensee must report the infestation to the authorities within one business day of discovery.
<b>Maine</b>	14 M.R.S.A. § 6021-A Rental Property- Treatment of Bedbug Infestation.	Establishes landlord and tenant duties in the event of a bedbug infestation in rental property. Provide for remedies.
<b>Michigan</b>	Mich. Admin. Code R. 400.57 Family Services Administration- Inspection and Licensing- County Infirmaries- Care of residents.	Requires county infirmaries to implement procedures to prevent bedbug infestations and to take proper steps to eradicate existing infestations.
<b>Minnesota</b>	Minnesota Rules 4625.1700 Lodging Establishments- INSECT AND RODENT CONTROL.	Requires hotels, motels, lodging houses, and other like facilities to be constructed and equipped to prevent bedbug infestations. Allows such facilities to use licensed exterminators in certain circumstances.
	Minnesota Rules 4665.2300 Supervised Living Facilities- INSECT AND RODENT CONTROL.	Requires supervised living facilities to be constructed and equipped to prevent bedbug infestations. Allows exterminators to be used when necessary to eradicate pests.
<b>Nebraska</b>	Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 175, Ch. 2, § 004 Regulations and Standards Governing Boarding Homes- SANITATION	Requires boarding homes to be constructed and equipped to prevent bedbug and pest infestations. Allows exterminators to be used to eradicate pests when necessary.
	Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 175, Ch. 3, § 004.12 Health Care Facilities and Services- HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS – Insect and Rodent Control.	Requires health care facilities to be constructed and equipped to prevent bedbug and pest infestations. Allows exterminators to be used to eradicate pests when necessary.
	25 Neb. Admin. Code, Ch. 2, 005.02B(8)(a) Standards for Pesticide Applicators – Health-Related Pest Control.	Applicators must demonstrate practical knowledge of environmental conditions related to pest control
<b>Nevada</b>	N.R.S. 447.030 Public Accommodations -Extermination of Vermin.	Requires that any room in any hotel which is infested with vermin or bedbugs or similar things be thoroughly fumigated, disinfected and renovated until such vermin or bedbugs or other similar things are entirely exterminated.
	NAC Chapter 444. Sanitation Labor Camps- General.	Requires proper measures to be taken to prevent bedbug and pest infestation in a camp.
<b>New York</b>	McKinney's Education Law § 920 Public Schools; Infestation of Bedbugs.	Requires principals of public schools to provide parents with information about any bedbug infestations, including information on how to prevent the spread of the infestation. Requires the school infestation be addressed in the most effective and safe manner.
<b>Ohio</b>	R.C. § 3731.13 Hotels and Single Room Occupancy Facilities- bedding, floors, and carpets must be kept sanitary.	Prohibits bedding which is infested with vermin or bedbugs from being used on any bed in any hotel.
<b>Oregon</b>	OR ADC § 333-030-0070 Organizational Camp Rules- Insect and Rodent Control.	Sets measures to keep camp grounds, buildings and structures used or intended for human habitation clean and maintained to prevent harborage and infestation of insects, rodents and vermin.
	Or. Rev. Stat. § 570.880 Bedbugs; confidentiality of pest control reports.	Requires that specific information reported by pest control operators to a public health authority must be maintained confidentially.
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	7 Pa. Code § 82.15 Seasonal Farm Labor Camps General Provisions- Insect and rodent control.	Seasonal Labor Farm Farm Labor Camps must have effective measures in place to prevent and eliminate infestations of bedbugs and pests.
<b>Rhode Island</b>	R.I. Admin. Code 25-3-24:7 Rules and Regulations Relating to Pesticides- CATEGORIES FOR COMMERCIAL APPLICATORS.	Commercial pesticide applicators who use restricted pesticides to eliminate bedbugs and a variety of other pests must be certified.
<b>South Dakota</b>	Administrative Rules of South Dakota 44:02:08:05. Lodging and Food Service; Vacation Homes -Vermin control.	Vacation homes must be constructed, equipped, and maintained to prevent infestations of bedbugs and other pests. The facility may be required to hire a professional exterminator to eradicate pests under certain circumstances.
<b>Texas</b>	V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code § 341.011 Nuisances and General Sanitation.	Lists the presence of bedbugs in any public sleeping accommodations a public health nuisance.
<b>Utah</b>	U.A.C. R392-200 Design, Construction, Operation, Sanitation, and Safety of Schools.	Requires schools implement measures designed to prevent the infestation of bedbugs and other pests.
<b>West Virginia</b>	W. Va. Code, § 16-6-16 Hotels and Restaurants – Bedbugs.	Requires that in every hotel, any room infected with vermin or bedbugs shall be fumigated, disinfected and renovated until said vermin or bedbugs are extirpated.
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Wis. Adm. Code s DHS 190.08 Institution Sanitation DHS- Physical environment.	Requires institutions to take all necessary measures to eradicate bedbug and pest infestations. Requires institutions to take measures to prevent the poisoning of people and animals.

## Additional Resources

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- For more detailed information on bed bugs see this NCSL presentation "[State Bed Bug Policy.](#)"
- [EPA Bedbug Website](#)

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