**Bedwantsen**

**Hoe herken je ze? Wat doe je eraan?**

Bedbugs

How do you recognize them? What are you going to do about it?

Bedbugs: be quick

What are bedbugs?

• Also known as Cimex lectularius, bed lice or bed fleas

• Red-brown and not larger than 8.5 mm

• Sitting in dark places in bedrooms

• Feed on human or animal blood

• Their bites can be very itchy

• No danger to your health

• Bedbugs reproduce quickly

Note these signals:

• (Many) bites similar to mosquito bites

• Live or dead bedbugs

• Dark spots on your bed frame or mattress (due to feces, dried blood or crushed bedbugs)

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Do you have bedbugs in your house? Respond quickly.

Don't try to fight them yourself.

- Do you live in a property on the private rental market?

Seek professional help from a specialized company.

- Do you live in a social rental property?

Contact your housing company.

Can't you afford the cost of fighting? After a financial and social investigation, OCMW Gent can pay those costs (in full or in part) for you in certain cases. Ask the welfare office in your area (or your social worker).