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**Infestations Who you're going to call?**

Tenants

❖ CAES & Extension

Shelters

❖ Health Departments

Travelers

❖ Pest Control Operators  
CT DEP

Home owners

Educators

❖ Legislature/legal

Hospitality industry

(health and housing codes)

Property owners/managers

and so on.....

**Identification**

Arthropods found or "bites" reported

Inspect sleeping area for signs of arthropod activity

Live arthropods present

No

- Do not treat premises
- Resample
- Examine other possibilities?

Yes

Get professional identification

- No bed bugs
- Actions dependant on ID.

**Bed bugs Confirmed**

**Reaction**

Homeowner

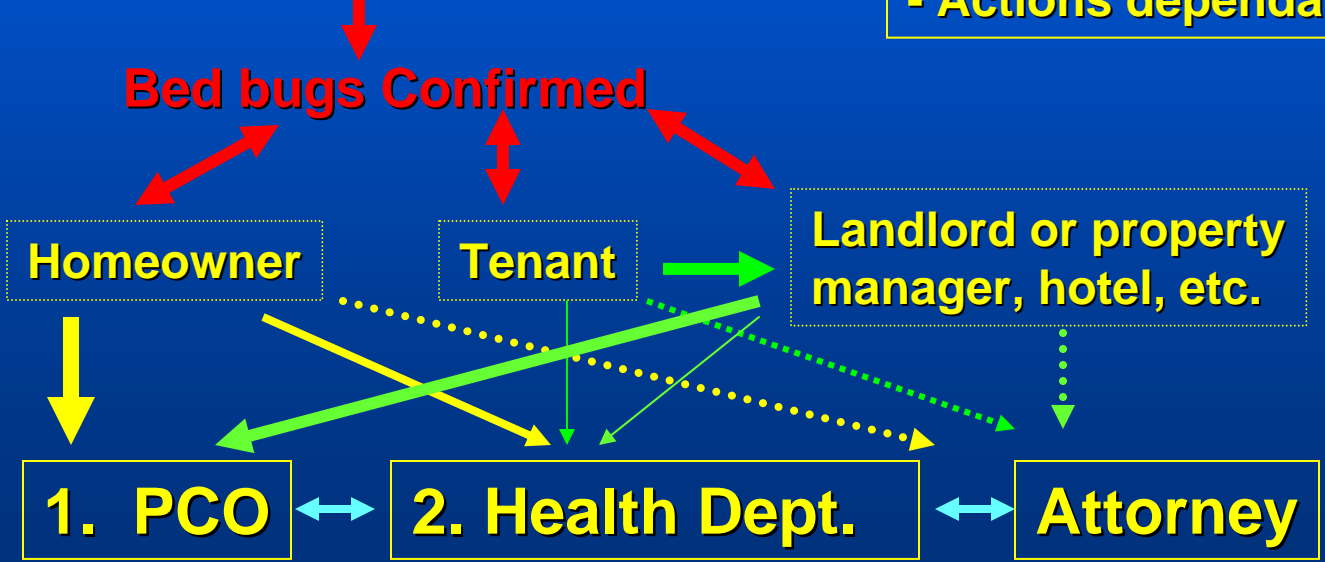
Tenant

Landlord or property manager, hotel, etc.

1. PCO

2. Health Dept.

Attorney





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# **Some points of cooperation for discussion**

## **Ideas based on Boston Housing Authority suggestions**

- **Correct identification**
- **Managing clutter, cleaning**
- **Assisted living or challenged clients, how to help?**
- **Managing furniture, mattresses etc.**
  
- **Cooperation of occupant, development of rapport**
  - **Occupant education and behavior change**
  - **Tenant coordinators in apartment complexes**
- **Outreach to school**
- **Out reach with education materials, incl. posters, brochures etc.**
  
- **Documentation e.g., tracking, record keeping, following up**