

## HOME FIRES CAN RESULT FROM DO-IT-YOURSELF TREATMENTS FOR BED BUGS



The **Central Ohio Bed Bug Task Force** *strongly* advises you to *never* attempt any of the following:

***Don't ever try to kill bed bugs by . . .***



▲ Heating up your residence or workspace using devices and equipment that are not approved by the manufacturer for indoor pest control. These include most **propane space heaters**, **electric space heaters** and **kerosene heaters**. [**Note:** Propane heaters specially made for bed bug control must be operated under strict guidelines by trained professionals.]

▲ Spraying yourself or your furniture or other personal property with alcohol (such as rubbing alcohol, denatured alcohol, sterno, etc.) or other flammable liquid (such as kerosene, lighter fluid, oils, paint thinner, turpentine, etc.). These liquids and their vapors easily catch fire and burn quickly!

▲ Setting off “bug bombs” (total-release aerosol) products indoors. First of all, ***these products have been proven to not work against bed bugs.*** The contents of most brands are flammable and, when concentrated, can be **explosive!**

▶ If you have bed bugs, call a reputable pest management professional who can offer you a safe, affordable solution to your problem.