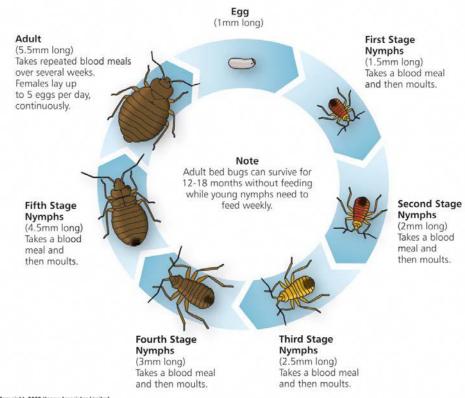
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## **Scales of Bed Bug infestations**

In order to standardise assessments we have drawn up the following scale of infestations. Please use this scale from now on in all new infestations.

- 1. Light 1 or 2 bed bugs all same life stages no signs of breeding 2- 6 week duration
- 2. 3 or 4 bed bugs no signs of breeding 2 6 weeks duration
- 3. 5 plus bed bugs no signs of breeding 2 6 weeks duration
- 4. Few adults but signs of eggs 1 6 weeks duration
- 5. Few adults plus some babies of  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  instar 1 8 week duration
- 6. Adults plus babies of 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> instar 4 12 weeks duration
- 7. Multiple breeding generations 6 18 week duration contained to original room
- 8. Multiple breeding generations multiple rooms continual in the main room and sporadic in other rooms
- 9. Multiple breeding generations per room and on going breeding
- 10. All areas infested and likely to spread to adjoining properties

## Life Cycle of the Bed Bug Cimex lectularius



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