

# NATTARO SAFE® BED BUG SKIRTING BOARD

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**Prophylactic bed bug protection  
in new builds and renovation**





## About Nattaro Labs

Nattaro Labs is a Swedish research and development company founded in 2011. Based on research that is unique in the world, we develop, in collaboration with the restoration and remediation industry; innovative products and sustainable solutions to combat the globally growing problem of bed bugs. Nattaro Labs has a unique position as an international specialist in bed bugs and it is delivering solutions to property owners, government authorities, hotels and cruise companies in a growing number of countries. The company's head office is in Medicin Village in Lund, Sweden.

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## Protect your property against bed bugs and reduce future costs

It is a myth that it is impossible to get rid of bed bugs once they have become established. It is possible, but it is better to combat them with preventive measures.

Bed bugs mainly seek out beds, but they also hide in dark nooks and crannies, for example behind wall skirting boards. By fitting NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting boards in your flats, you build in long-lasting protection that reduces the risk of spreading and lowers the remediation costs in the event of any infestation.

The risk of infestation is greatest when many people live in the same flat and when the turnover rate is high. For this reason, NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board is especially suitable for blocks of flats, student housing, temporary accommodation, apartment hotels and care homes.



## NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board is an addition to your pest control agreement

NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board acts as an addition to your pest control agreement in the same way as when you supplement your fire insurance with smoke alarms. It not only increases security, but it also means that you do not have to activate your agreement as often and it can minimize the damage in the event of future remediation, saving both time and money.

### NEW BUILDS

#### Build in resilience from the very start

In today's real estate industry, sustainability and resilience are emphasised as important requirements for new construction.

Properties that are better able to withstand external and internal influences are quite simply more resilient and sustainable. By installing NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board from the very beginning, you create security for the residents and strengthen the property's total resilience.

### RENOVATION

#### Change skirting boards and future-proof the property

In connection with a renovation or change of tenant, bed bug remediation may be needed. However, despite remediation, bed bugs can hide behind the wall skirting boards, where they can survive for up to a year without food. By replacing existing skirting boards with NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board, hiding places are removed and replaced with long-lasting protection that kills any bed bugs and makes any future infestation easier to combat.

### FITTING BED BUG SKIRTING BOARD:



Fold up the paper strip so that the diatomaceous earth is visible.



Make sure the strip is folded up along the entire skirting board.



Nail in place. Finished.

#### Easy installation

Our prefabricated bed bug skirting boards are delivered ready-to-use with the active substance folded into a paper strip on the inside of the skirting board. During installation, the carpenter folds up one part of the paper strip and then nails the skirting board onto the wall in the usual way.

## THE BENEFITS OF NATTARO SAFE® BED BUG SKIRTING BOARD

The active substance in NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board is called diatomaceous earth and is a long-acting biological pesticide that destroys the bed bug's protective wax layer so it dries out and dies. Diatomaceous earth has been used for generations to combat bed bugs and other pests such as silverfish, long-tailed silverfish, ants, etc. Today, diatomaceous earth is used in professional pest control, usually by spreading it as a powder for preventive purposes.



#### Effective protection for a long time

Applying diatomaceous earth as a powder works if it is done correctly, but it clumps easily in the presence of moisture and disappears during vacuuming cleaning. NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board ensures a long-term effect because the active substance is fastened on the inside of the skirting board, where it is protected from moisture and external influences.

#### Always the right amount

Spreading diatomaceous earth as a powder also involves difficulties in spreading the substance evenly. If the layer is too thick, the bed bugs avoid the substance completely. With NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board, the amount of diatomaceous earth is perfectly balanced along the entire skirting board.

#### Better working environment

Although spreading diatomaceous earth as a powder is not harmful, face masks are recommended to protect the respiratory tract and mucous membranes. NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting boards do not normally give off any dust at all, but may release small quantities of the powder during installation.

# How to secure your property with Nattaro Safe® bed bug skirting

When you compile the material specification before new builds or renovation, specify for the contractor that the skirting boards have to be bed bug skirting boards. If you do not want to put bed bug skirting boards in all of the rooms, we recommend installing them in all bedrooms as well as in the living room.

## Choose material, appearance and colour

We work with several partners who supply NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board as white standard skirting, or according to your wishes for type of wood, dimensions and colours. If it is not possible to meet your needs, there are strips with NATTARO SAFE® on a roll for fitting on your own skirting boards. However, we recommend NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board because this guarantees correct installation direct from the factory.

## Part of an overall strategy

Bear in mind that NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board does not prevent bed bugs from infesting beds. Instead, the bed bug skirting board should be considered part of a comprehensive and preventive strategy to combat bed bugs. In particularly risky environments, we recommend combining NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board with other products from our range, such as mattress covers and bed bug tape for beds. Read more on [nattarolabs.com](https://nattarolabs.com)

## Bed bugs do not appear out of thin air

An infestation in a flat has nothing to do with hygiene or how often the flat is cleaned. Overcrowding and a high degree of turnover increase the risk, but infestations can even occur more or less at random. Bed bugs can follow you home in your bag after a trip abroad or on the shoes and clothing of home-help staff who visit multiple flats. Whatever the cause, prophylactic protection is the smartest way to combat any infestation. If you suspect that there is an infestation, you must immediately check if this is the case.

## NATTARO SCOUT® detects bed bugs

If you suspect that a flat is infested by bed bugs, we offer an effective mechanical detector, NATTARO SCOUT®, which attracts bed bugs with a patented scent. The bed bugs cannot escape from the detector once they have entered it, which usually happens within a couple of days after the detector has been placed in the bedroom. Read more about detection and NATTARO SCOUT® on our website.



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## Prophylactic bed bug protection in new builds and renovation

NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board provides prophylactic protection that makes it easier to combat any future bed bug infestations, while reducing the risk of spreading and remediation costs. The active substance diatomaceous earth is a natural product that is harmless for humans and animals to swallow or touch.

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### Prophylactic & safe

NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board acts as a prophylactic addition to your pest control agreement.

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### Effective & long-acting

NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board holds and protects the active substance, diatomaceous earth, ensuring a long-term effect.

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### Plenty of variety & easy to fit

NATTARO SAFE® bed bug skirting board is available in different types of wood, dimensions and colours and is installed in the same way as regular skirting board.



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