

## Case Profile

### Thinking About Saving Money?

Mildred was given a mattress and discovered it was infested with bed bugs. She decided to treat the mattress, and possibly her home, with a [pesticide](#). Mildred headed to the local store the product she found was too expensive for her budget. Therefore, Mildred located another product containing the same [active ingredient](#) inexpensive product contained a higher percentage of the active ingredient, Mildred considered saving idea would work.

Mildred noticed the telephone number for the [National Pesticide Information Center](#) on the learned.



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## Take Home Message

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The NPIC specialist explained to Mildred that the less expensive product was not registered and NOT be used indoors. In addition, the product was intended to control termites and carpenter ants, not bed bugs. Mildred learned the label is the law. The NPIC specialist explained what type of information can be found on product labels to minimize potential risks to human health. The section labeled “Directions for Use” provides important information regarding proper use, and will control.

Mildred learned two products may contain the same active ingredient, but may not be labeled uses, and application instructions can be unique to each pesticide product. Protect your home and save money by reading the ENTIRE product label FIRST.



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