

DIRECTOR GENERAL INFORMATION

RESPONSE TO QUERY

SEXUAL ABNORMALITY - CANADIAN FORCES

Current policy does not allow the enrolment or retention of homosexuals in the Canadian Forces. It is considered that because of the unique demands of service life, which include enforced proximity of persons in ships, isolated units and barracks, that condoning homosexual behaviour could create conflicts in interpersonal relationships which would affect morale and have a detrimental effect on the operational efficiency of the CF.

Although not as much a factor as in the past, with more admitted homosexuals in society, security could be a factor with "closet" homosexuals - who could be susceptible to blackmail.

The safety of a homosexual could also be jeopardized because of non-acceptance of his peers.

Homosexuals in the CF receive an honourable discharge under a release item for persons considered no longer advantageously employable.

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