



INSIDER RISK

Are some of our security threats from within? ▶

Threats aren't limited to spies or cyber criminals, it can come from anyone that is or has been employed within the DND/CAF: an employee, a CAF member, contractor, or student — anyone who has access to sensitive information, assets, people, facilities, who can cause harm to the organization. The intent can be **malicious**, **careless**, or even **unknowing**...but the damage is the same.



— It affects our people.
Security risks can:

- Compromise classified information or IT systems
- Jeopardize operations and personnel safety
- Damage Canada's international reputation and partnerships
- Cause financial and operational loss

Types of Insider Risks

Intentional or unintentional

Careless

EX: Leaving systems unlocked, clicking phishing links, oversharing info in public, poor Operational Security (OPSEC)

Compromised

EX: Exploited by a third party: Access hijacked via malware, phishing, or coercion

Malicious

EX: Selling or publicly leaking classified info for revenge, sabotage, espionage

Radicalized / Ideological

EX: Promoting extremist views or group affiliations conflicting with DND/CAF values

Disgruntled Former Personnel

EX: Using residual access or knowledge for harm

Criminal

EX: Engaging in violence, fraud, theft of DND/CAF property

Behavioural Indicators

Report changes and security concerns:

- Significant changes in circumstances or behaviour (drug or alcohol misuse / unexplained frequent absences, unexplained wealth or debt)
- Divided loyalties / obligations to foreign family members
- Security issues (pattern of security violations, wilful non-compliance, disregarding policy)
- Unauthorized searching, requests, access, retention of classified or sensitive information
- Unexplained or unreported security incidents or interactions with known security threats
- Expressing ongoing disgruntlement with their unit or employer
- Unexplained or unusual work during unsupervised hours
- Unexplained or unreported foreign travel/foreign contact (when reporting is required)
- Secretive workplace behaviour (hiding documents, blanking computer screen, avoiding colleagues)
- Atypical online activity or profile (dark web use, foreign contacts)
- Criminal activity or involvement with law enforcement (new/previously concealed)



Remember to:

- Protect DND/CAF info, assets & systems
- Complete security training
- Follow OPSEC rules (don't hold secure doors, verify unknowns)
- File a Notice of Intent to Travel (NOIT) before trips
- Always apply the Need-to-Know principle when sharing / discussing sensitive information in the workplace

Report Insider Concerns

Official channels:

- Your Chain of Command/Supervisor
- Unit Security Supervisor (USS)
- Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO)
- Submit a Change of Circumstance form (DND 4151)
- CF National Counter-Intelligence Unit (CFNCIU)
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- DGDS Administrative Investigation Bureau (AIB)
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- CF Military Police (CFMP)



Supervisors at all levels:
Help mitigate insider risk!

