

The Defence Accident Investigation Board Norway (DAIBN)

November 1st 2017, the DAIBN will be established as the independent Defence Accident Investigation board in Norway by the Defence Accident Investigation Act 2016. The scope of our work is laid down in the above mentioned act and the Defence Accident Investigation Regulations 2017. Our mandate is to investigate accidents and serious incidents to improve safety within the Defence sector.

We are now in the process of building the organisation.

Until now, investigations in the Defence sector have been done by the Norwegian Armed Forces themselves.

The background for the new legal basis has been a wish to modernize and professionalize the work. The law and regulation are based on the development of accident investigation work in the civil transport sector. DAIBN is provided with a set of instruments to build an "open reporting culture" and ensure relevant data for the investigation, combined with an extended obligation of confidentiality and protection against self-discrimination. It is prohibited to use information provided to DAIBN as evidence in military- or criminal proceedings.

DAIBN will be an operationally independent part of the Norwegian government's Ministry of Defence (MOD) and the Director General reports directly to the Secretary General at MOD on matters relating to accident investigation. MOD cannot instruct the board in professional matters in those areas for which the DAIBN is responsible.

The sole objective of any DAIBN investigation is to determine the causes and circumstances of accidents and serious incidents and produce a public report of the investigation containing any recommendation to improve safety in the Defence sector and to prevent further accidents from occurring. Our investigations are independent of those undertaken by other public bodies and the Defence sector.

The DAIBN will not apportion blame or liability, carry out prosecutions or enforce the law.

The Armed Forces are under a legal obligation to notify the DAIBN when they or their property are involved in accidents or serious incidents. DAIBN will have an on call 24/7 duty.

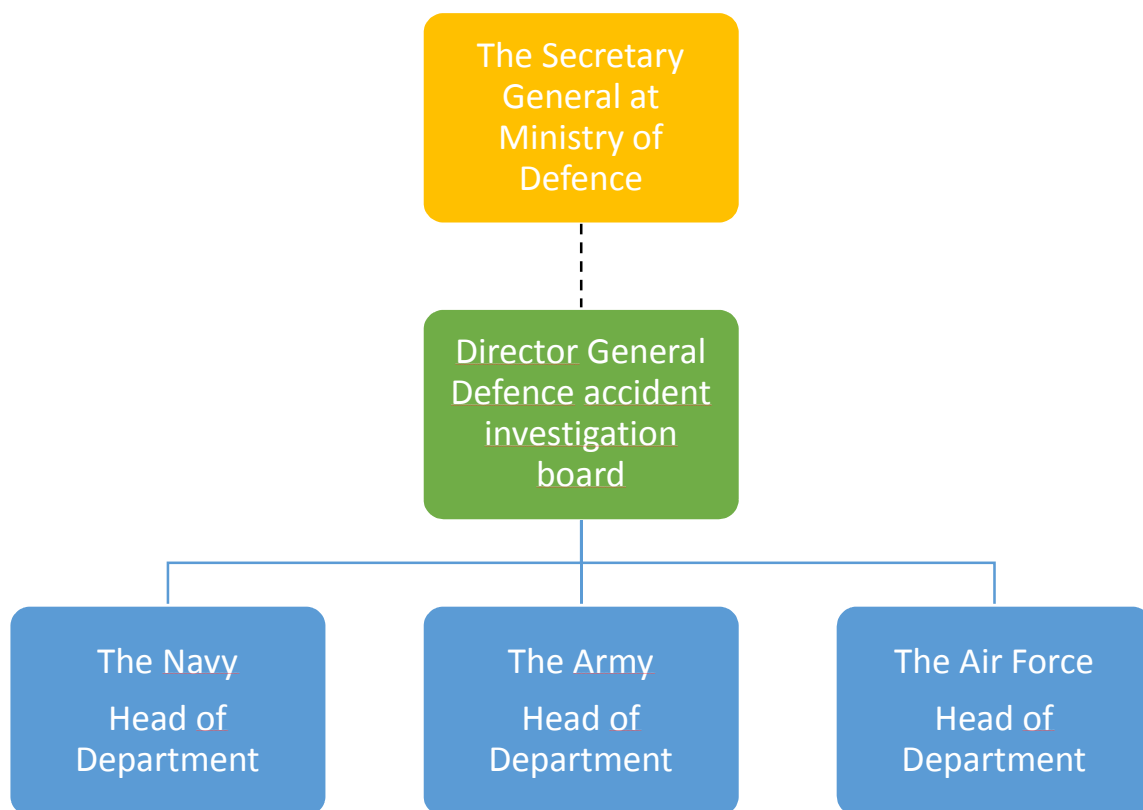
The DAIBN consists of four people in full-time positions. Besides the Director General, there are three inspectors who undertake the investigations. Every DAIBN inspector has a professional military background and/or investigative background.

The background of today's staff are:

- Director General – MSc in Law, experience from the civil accident investigation board in Norway, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Environment, Norwegian Communications Authority, The Norwegian Railway Authority and as a deputy judge at Hammerfest district court.

- Head of dep. Marine operations. – Navy technician, MSc in civil engineering, experience from the civil accident investigation board, PGCert. in Accident Investigation.
- Head of dep. Land operations. – Police Academy, Army military police investigator, extensive experience in military/criminal investigations, PGCert. in Accident Investigation.
- Head of dep. Air operations. – Air Force Pilot, chartered psychologist, extensive experience in Air Force flight safety, PGCert. in Accident Investigation.

In addition, DAIBN will make use of civil- and military competence when needed.



As an independent accident investigation board, DAIBN will live by the following basic values:

Credibility:

Objective, impartial and independent in our assessments.

Expertise/competence:

By ensuring the right competence to achieve quality in the research work, and actively acquiring new knowledge.

Openness:

About our decisions, giving the status along the way and publishing our findings and recommendations for gaining confidence both internally in the defense sector and in the general population.