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600 diggers caught with drugs in five years

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PHOTO: [Almost 600 servicemen and women have been caught taking illegal drugs and steroids in the past five years.](#) (Australian Defence Force)

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The Defence Force has caught almost 600 servicemen and women taking illegal drugs and steroids in the past five years.

The ADF released the figures after an Australian soldier was found unconscious in his barracks in Afghanistan.

The suspected drug overdose has prompted the Defence Force to set up an inquiry into drug abuse.

The soldier is in a serious but stable condition in a hospital in Germany.

The ADF says four Special Operations soldiers were also sent home from Afghanistan earlier this year after being caught with steroids.

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