

The Bends



Not every Royal Canadian Air Force recruit was invited to try out for its elite Anti-Gravity Division because, naturally, not everyone can fly. Even many natural flyers simply weren't cut out for the rigors of the AGD, or else they didn't look good in the camouflage uniform. One recurring problem occurred when AGD flyers returned to Earth. Much like the underwater diver who surfaces too quickly, the pilot who favors a fast landing may contract decompression sickness, also known as the bends. And how their poor bodies did bend! The best solution, of course, was to avoid earth landings altogether. To date, 135 Anti-Gravity flyers have established permanent above-ground residences. But that number is expected to, uh, rise.