

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA condemns disregard of occupational health and safety regulations at Deeds Office in Johannesburg
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) urgently calls on the Director-General and Chief Registrar of Deeds to address critical health and safety concerns affecting employees at the Johannesburg Deeds Office in Gauteng.

Following an inspection conducted by the Department of Employment and Labour, as requested by the PSA, the building was declared unsafe and found to be in serious violation of occupational health and safety regulations. Consequently, contravention and prohibition notices were issued to the Registrar of Deeds. Despite these official warnings, the Registrar has failed to take the necessary corrective measures, leaving employees exposed to significant risks.

Employees have repeatedly been trapped in malfunctioning elevators, despite assurances that repairs had been completed. In addition, there is no structural integrity report confirming the safety of the building's 31 floors, especially following a recent fire incident that has further heightened concerns. No official confirmation has been provided to assure employees that the structure remains sound.

The PSA has formally requested a meeting with the Director-General and Chief Registrar of Deeds to engage with unions to find a constructive solution to this pressing matter.

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