

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES - NORTHERN CAPE

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Update: Closure of DCS Community Service Office in Upington - Northern Cape

The PSA welcomes the closure of the Department of Correctional Services Community Service Office in Upington as the office is not meeting the OHS standards.

PSA shop stewards addressed numerous letters together with pictures to the DCS for intervention, but to no avail. The Department even failed to fix the office after a compliance order was issued by the Department of Employment and Labour in 2020.

On 7 April 2021, members acted on their rights as provided by OHS, to refuse to enter a workplace that is hazardous, dangerous or places their lives in danger. The PSA applauds members for standing up for their rights. The employer housed them at temporary accommodation at the Area Commissioner's Board Room to do their functions.

The PSA will continue reminding the employer of the importance of maintaining a safe working environment in ensuring that measures are taken to minimise the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For further clarity, contact the PSA Provincial Office on 053 839 1000.

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