

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **EASTERN CAPE (MTHATHA AREA)**

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## Neglect of OHS matters: Various departments

Following a visit at the Mozolo Clinic in Willowvale on 21 June 2022, the PSA was appalled by the state of neglect of the Clinic. It appears that there is a complete disregard of the occupational health and safety (OHS) of employees as reflected by decaying infrastructure, which is not suitable for habitation. Members reported that working conditions were unbearable, leaving them in a frantic state as snakes are also occasionally spotted. Fire extinguishers are not serviced and have already reached expiry dates, exposing employees to fire hazards.

As a result of this non-compliance with health and safety standards, the PSA approached the Department of Employment and Labour on 22 June 2022 for an inspection. The inspection report will be shared with the institution's management for implementation of the outcome of the report, when available.

The PSA was also alerted regarding a scarcity of water at the Department of Home Affairs in Willowvale. Members alleged that they are left with no choice but to use water from an old water tank for drinking and ablution facilities. In some instances, human dignity is compromised where employees have to carry water buckets to the ablution facilities in the presence of clients. Disciplinary threats are made to employees should they dare leaving the premises without approval, despite the dire need for safer working conditions. The PSA will be addressing these allegations with the employer on an urgent basis.

The matters illustrate non-compliance with OHS matters and prompts the PSA to call on members to report such anomalies to allow the PSA address these matter and improve employees' working conditions. Willowave and surroundings are allocated to Zandi Nompetshehi who can be contacted on 082 880 8959 or [zandi.nompetshehi@psa.co.za](mailto:zandi.nompetshehi@psa.co.za).

Employees who wish to join the PSA can contact Zandi or call the PSA Provincial Office in Mthatha on (047) 501 2500.

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