

## FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS (DHA)

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## Update: DHA - Electricity cutting off at Hallmark building

The PSA received reports from members that the Hallmark building has been without electricity since 17 March 2025. It was indicated there were water leakages, which affected the BG electric box on the first floor. The electricity supply was disrupted. Plugs and light were not working. Employees were unable to do their work since some of the floors were dark and computer systems were down. It is highly possible that the electric wires could ignite flammable materials and cause a full-blown fire in the building.

The PSA has written to the Director-General to implement contingency measures to protect employees from the unsafe and hazardous building conditions. Employees should be allowed to work from home until the electrical problem is resolved. It is a high risk to keep employees in such a working environment. The PSA would further request the intervention by the Department of Employment and Labour to conduct an urgent assessment of the building to confirm the OHS compliance status.

Members are requested to contact the PSA Chief Negotiator on 082 880 8980 / peter.mngomezulu@psa.co.za should they wish to raise any other concerns regarding the safety of the building. Members will be informed of developments.

Employees who want to join the PSA can visit the PSA's website, send an email to ask@psa.co.za, or contact PSA Provincial Offices.

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