



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

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PSA acts on unsafe workplace conditions

The PSA remains committed to ensuring safe and healthy working environments for all employees. Here are updates on recent interventions regarding workplace conditions in Nelson Mandela Bay.

Unsafe conditions: Livingstone Hospital

The PSA recently visited Livingstone Hospital following reports from members about unsafe conditions in the administrative buildings, formerly used as nurses' homes. During the visit, the PSA observed:

- Rainwater leaks from the fifth floor to the second floor, seeping through cracks and rusted bars.
- Falling concrete ceilings, creating hazards in HR and filing offices.
- Water running through these offices, compromising the safety of important documents, and posing health risks to staff.

In response, the PSA has called upon inspectors from the Department of Employment and Labour to assess the situation and intervene urgently.

Ventilation issues: Refugee Camps office – Home Affairs, Gqeberha

The PSA received reports of unbearable working conditions at the Refugee Camps office Home Affairs in North End, Gqeberha, owing to non-functional air conditioners. On 14 January 2025, the PSA met with management to address delays in repairing the air-conditioning system. Management explained that the issue lies with the Department of Public Works (DPW), which oversees state buildings and leases. Despite reporting the problem to the DPW and the landlord as far back as November 2024 (and a technician identifying electricity system and gas refill issues in December), no progress has been made. The PSA has since escalated the matter to the Department of Employment and Labour to ensure swift intervention.

PSA stands with you

The PSA takes workplace safety seriously. Members are encouraged to report any health or safety hazards in their institutions or departments. For assistance or enquiries about PSA membership, contact Mxolisi Nyandu: 082 880 8968 / mxolisi.nyandu@psa.co.za.

Together, we stand for safer and better working conditions for all.

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