



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **NORTH WEST**

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## Non-compliance with Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) regulations - Joe Morolong Hospital, North West

Members will recall that PSA raised concerns about OHS issues at Joe Morolong Hospital in Vryburg. Communication was forwarded to the CEO, after which a meeting was granted. The following issues were raised and discussed: lack of ventilation, bad odours emanating from the mortuary, overall unhygienic working conditions, lack of lighting in bathrooms, lack of ventilation, etc. During the meeting, management agreed to allocate cleaners to all administrative offices. Due to current budget constraints, those issues about ventilation, emergency escapes and deep cleaning will be implemented in the next financial year 2025-2026. The following were put in place by the employer to remedy the concerns: burying of forensic corpses which in turn reduced the bad odour, basins were installed in the mortuary, and light bulbs were replaced. Air conditioners were assessed, windows were tinted for privacy, and cleaners were allocated to all administration offices. Non-compliance with OHS in a hospital can result in severe consequences for both healthcare workers and patients. Ignoring safety protocols can lead to an increase in workplace accidents, illnesses, and infectious diseases.

The PSA prioritises the safety of its members and will continue to advocate on behalf of them. PSA also thanked the management of Joe Morolong who is willing to address and correct the issues raised.

Employees who want to join the PSA can contact Patience on 082 880 8943 and Nozi Monaisa on 082 8808992.

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