



FOR PSA MEMBERS: FREE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION (SACR)

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## SACR: Closing down of unsafe building

On 27 January 2020, a PSA shop steward at the Department of Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation, stationed at the Business Partners Building alerted the PSA Provincial Office that smoke was noticed in the building. It was noted that some electrical cables had caught fire and the building was evacuated immediately.

On 28 January 2020, employees reported for duty at the building and were told to continue with work as normal. No certificate was issued that the building is safe. The PSA called in an Inspector of Department of Labour and after investigation, he closed the building and indicated that all electricity must be switch off until a certificate is issued confirming that the building is safe.

Members are advised to alert the PSA immediately of any health and safety hazards observed in the workplace.

**GENERAL MANAGER**