

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS - LIMPOPO

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## Occupational health and safety: Malamulele Department of Home Affairs

The PSA addressed the working conditions at Home Affairs Malamulele as members were working under a tree, in a tent and in truck, This resulted in the shut down of the office. Subsequently, the Department identified an alternative work station.

Upon learning that the toilets are dysfunctional, which poses health risk to employees, the PSA again intervened and engaged the employer. The Provincial Manager was alerted and cautioned on the importance of compliance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* regarding the health of employees and the obligations of the employer. Consequently, a service provider was appointed to attend to the matter and reported that the cause of the problem was the septic tank that is full of sand and hence the toilets are not working properly. The matter was also escalated to the municipality for urgent intervention.

Members are called upon to be patient while the matter is receiving urgent attention. The PSA is monitoring progress as the matter should be attended to with immediate effect as this is a health risk to not only employees but also community members who visit the offices for service delivery. The PSA appreciates the manner in which Home Affairs is urgently attending to the matter. Members will be informed of developments.

Members are urged to constantly assess their working environment, particularly related to the COVID-19 pandemic and to report any non-compliance to the PSA Provincial Office in Polokwane on (015) 295 0500, email [queen.seema@psa.co.za](mailto:queen.seema@psa.co.za) or Whatsapp 079 513 9856.

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