

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL
DEVELOPMENT - NORTHERN CAPE

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Unsafe building: Galeshewe Magistrate Court – Kimberley

PSA members at the Galeshewe Magistrate Court have raised concerns regarding the working conditions in the building over safety matters, with Officials being concerned about cracks in the walls at the Court building. Members pointed out these deficiencies to the Department's Director-General during his visit to Kimberley last week. It is alleged that the buildings are not safe to be in, let alone for people to work there. This problem has existed for a long time without any meaningful intervention by the Department.

Courts are service points and not only for government officials, but also for members of the public, who are thus also exposed to the dangers this building poses. The PSA has brought the issue to the attention of the Department but has not received feedback. The slow pace at which matters are attended to is a serious concern for the Union. It is not helpful to wait for disaster to strike before action is taken.

The PSA therefore continues to advise members to refuse to enter an unsafe workplace. Members can contact Russle Bindeman on 082 883 7563 for queries.

GENERAL MANAGER