

FOR PSA MEMBERS: SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY (SASSA) –
EASTERN CAPE (MTHATHA AREA)

29-04-2021

Occupational Health and Safety non-compliance

The PSA received complaints from SASSA members that the KD Mathanzima building in Mthatha does not meet safety standards in terms of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, in that there is only one toilet, which is leaking, the emergency door does not open, there is no ventilation, windows remain closed as these are faulty and the fire extinguisher expired in 2019.

The PSA brought the matter to the attention of the Department of Employment and Labour (DEL) for inspection on 7 April 2021. A meeting was subsequently held on 13 April 2021 between SASSA, the DEL Inspector and the PSA, where the employer undertook to address all the issues raised, including renovations of the building, which will commence before the end of April 2021.

The PSA has been informed by the SASSA Chairperson in the Province that renovations by the Department of Public Works commenced on 28 April 2021. The PSA will not rest and will leave no stone unturned until members' rights are protected and their interests promoted to entirety. The PSA will monitor the situation.

Members are encouraged to continue reporting any omission that may occur in the workplace to the PSA through the shop stewards. Members may contact the Provincial Office on (047) 501 2500 or email samkelo.mzuku@psa.co.za.

GENERAL MANAGER