

Non-compliance with occupational health and safety: Lydenburg office

After numerous intervention attempts by PSA shop stewards, the Department of Employment and Labour's senior management finally heeded the call and approached the office for an inspection. It had been reported that the office's infrastructure was dilapidated and often members were rendering services to the public with no running water in the building. The building was also occasionally burgled as there is no security.

The Department's Occupational Safety Officer subsequently issued a notice of non-compliance and the office was shut down on 28 October 2022. Senior management along with Department of Public Works officials came for an inspection on 31 October 2022 but the office had already been shut down. It has been reported that the employer is attempting to repair the faults by 14 November 2022. PSA members (mostly Client Service Officers) are currently operating from different offices, mainly in the Graskop and Waterval Boven offices).

The PSA Provincial Office and local shop stewards are closely monitoring the resolution taken and will keep members informed. Members are sensitised to continue to report any non-compliance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* in the workplace.

GENERAL MANAGER