

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Non-compliance with *Occupational Health and Safety Act* – Motshana Clinic

The PSA was alarmed by the shocking working conditions at Motshana Clinic around Burgersfort under the Sekhukhune District. The PSA received complaints about the Clinic and immediately visited on 19 November 2022 to assess working conditions. The following issues discovered:

- Toilets are blocked and there are no alternative toilets to be used.
- There is no running water, with buckets having to be used to fill a water tank.
- There is a bad odour in the Clinic as a result of the blocked toilets.
- The community does not utilise the Clinic owing to the smelly environment.

The matter was then reported to the employer who agreed to meet the PSA on 21 November 2022. Upon discussion, it was established that the employer has been aware of the problem and submitted that it is addressing the issue. The PSA has, on the other hand, reported the matter to the Department of Employment and Labour for further assistance as members cannot continue to work in an unhealthy working environment, which may pose a danger to their health. The PSA was then informed on 28 November 2022 that the blocked toilets have been fixed, however, the water issue is still outstanding. The PSA will visit the institution again to ensure that the employer complies with health and safety standards.

Members are urged to constantly assess the working environment and immediately report non-compliance to shop stewards or the PSA Provincial Office on (015) 295 0500 / queen.seema@psa.co.za.

Members will be informed of developments.

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