

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **GAUTENG PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS**

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Update: Gauteng Provincial Government buildings in state of decay and hazard to health, safety, and welfare of general public

Members will recall that the PSA over the last couple of months has been vocal about the condition of buildings occupied by Gauteng Provincial Government. Most of the buildings do not meet the requirements as stipulated in the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and are in various stages of decay.

The PSA, through constant involvement and demands, achieved various successes. These include the 75 Fox Street building, which has serious structural issues. The PSA managed through interaction with the management to vacate the building and members were placed temporarily in other buildings. Members who could work remotely from home also received permission to do so.

The PSA is, however, concerned about several members who remained in the vacated building, refusing to work at other identified sites but preferring to continue working in the dilapidated building. This has serious consequences. It firstly creates the impression with the employer that PSA is not serious and cannot control and mobilise its members. Secondly, it places members continuing working in the dilapidated building at risk. Thirdly, it becomes a legal issue should something happen whilst the members are working in the vacated building. The PSA worked hard to convince employers to vacate buildings and relocate members to safe environments. **The PSA urges members not to occupy buildings that have been officially closed.**

The PSA, therefore, urges members to adhere to the call to move out of these buildings and either work remotely or at allocated workplaces until appropriate accommodation has been procured to accommodate them permanently. The PSA will over the next couple of months focus on more buildings that fail to meet the required standard and, where necessary, take appropriate action on behalf of members.

Employees who want to join the PSA can visit the PSA's website (www.psa.co.za), send an email to ask@psa.co.za, or contact PSA Organising/Marketing Officers, Sibusiso Ndzala on 082 880 8964 / sibusiso.ndzala@psa.co.za, Mandy Modise on 082 880 8952 / mandy.modise@psa.co.za and/or Katlego Mooketsi on 082 880 8935 / Katlego.mooketsi@psa.co.za.

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