

FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS (DHA) - WESTERN CAPE

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Occupational Health and Safety - DHA Wynberg office

Following heavy rains in May 2025, the PSA members at the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) Wynberg Office raised serious concerns regarding occupational health and safety conditions. The office has suffered extensive damage, with sections of the roof collapsing, leaving electrical wires and lights dangerously exposed. Additionally, water-damaged carpets emitting strong odors have created an unsuitable environment for employees to work and serve the public.

Efforts to resolve the issue began with PSA's engagement with the DHA Regional Office, seeking an urgent solution. However, after receiving no response, the matter was escalated to the Department of Employment and Labour (DEL), which conducted an inspection on 22 May 2025. As a result, the DEL issued a Direct Notice of Contravention, granting the DHA 60 days to address the violations or provide alternative solutions. Failure to comply within the stipulated timeframe could lead to criminal prosecution.

Considering the safety concerns, the DHA Wynberg main office will remain closed until further notice, and employees will be operating from the collection office with limited services.

The PSA will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates, as necessary.

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