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Employees and public endangered after gang enters Uitenhage Provincial Hospital

The PSA is deeply concerned following a recent gang related shooting at Uitenhage Provincial Hospital. A shootout recently ensued between rival gang members, leaving staff and patients running for cover in different directions. Security personnel were no match for these armed gangsters. This led to the Hospital coming to a standstill for more than two hours.

The PSA is urging government to beef up its security in the hospitals. All members of staff and patients rely solely on the department for safety and security on the premises.

The Department of Health's failure to provide adequate security is viewed as the employer failing to create a safe working environment for workers. The right to healthcare for the public is also impaired by this lack of security in our facilities.

The PSA is calling on the Minister of Health together with the Minister of Safety and Security to step in and take control of this situation before it becomes worse.

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