

## **LEPHALALE**

## LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## CRIMINALS SCAMMING RESIDENTS ABOUT SENDING EWALLETS TO AVOID ELECTRICITY DISCONNECTION

Notice is hereby served to warn Lephalale residents, that there is sms scam that is being sent to the clients threatening them that their electricity will be disconnected if a certain amount is not paid via e-wallet payment to keep their electricity on.

Residents are re-assured that no electricity will be disconnected because of not adhererig to the sms scam, but electricity will only be disconnected by the municipality when the account is closed by client or due to non-payment of municipal account.

All the electricity users are on conventional electricity since 1 March 2022, and there are therefore no electricity meters that are currently on prepaid. i.e all electricity users will be billed by the municipality for their usage since 1 March 2022.

These people are scammers and have unfortunately defrauded a number of unsuspecting residents within Lephalale area, and residents are therefore urged to report such sms's or suspicious demands to the Municipality whenever they are contacted to make suspicious payment.

Any further information regarding queries on electricity can be directed to Manager: Revenue, Mr AE Marope on 014 762 1405 or Manager: Electrical, Mr E Jacobs on 014 762 1463.

Your co-operation will be highly appreciated.

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