

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Maloyi calls against alcohol and drug abuse during festive season

North West MEC for Human Settlements, Public Safety and Liaison Nono Maloyi has called upon communities to restrain from alcohol and drug abuse during this year's festive season.

Launching Festive Arrive Alive Campaign and Operation When Duty Calls, at the Mmabatho Stadium yesterday, Maloyi said his department will form partnership with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and the Police to visit and close all none compliant outlets.

"We will fight for compliance inline with liquor licenses regulations. We are going to raise awareness on crimes against women and children, alcohol and drug abuse," said Maloyi.

The MEC said most of criminal activities, such as woman and child abuse, rape and domestic violence are informed by alcohol and drug abuse.

"Most of violent activities, and contact crimes such as rapes, women and child abuse are perpetuated by alcohol and drug abuse; now we are going to react harshly '**When Duty Calls**'.

"For this festive period , we are simply cleaning up early in order to ensure that we do not continue loosing lives and that our communities do not become targets to criminals. We have declared the North West a crime and accident free zone and this, we are serious about," said Maloyi.

MEC Maloyi further urged pedestrians not to drink and walk on the road as they will be arrested for drinking and walking. He expressed concern at the fact that pedestrians form half of every year's road accidents.

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