Meter *tampering*
is a crime

> Tampering or bypassing an electricity meter involves interfering with the device so that it either stops working entirely or fails to record the full amount of electricity consumed.

Kgatelopele Municipality would like to remind residents that meter tampering is a criminal offence.

Once a meter is bypassed it immediately stops operating normally, meaning that if there is an electrical fault inside your premises it will not be picked up and the electricity supply will stay on without tripping. This is a serious safety hazard to people and animals in the building, and can result in electrocution or fire. Offenders can face prosecution and heavy fines.

Tempering Fees:

The municipality will impose a tampering fee if it is found that a smart meter has been tempered with:

Residential

First Offence: R1195.55

Second Offence: R15106.37

Reconnection Fee: R346. 88

Business

First Offence: R37194.07

Second Offence: R85 485.19

Reconnection Fee: R2312.52

Criminal charges may also be laid if a continuation of tampering occurs.

"PAY YOUR MUNICIPAL ACCOUNT ON TIME TO KEEP YOUR SERVICES RUNNING"

Residents with high outstanding municipal accounts must make necessary payment arrangements to avoid being reported to the credit bureau.

Safety Tips

Never tamper with any Eskom/Municipal equipment as only authorised Eskom/Municipal personnel may do so.

If you see/know of any instances of meter tampering, report them to the municipality immediately on 053 384 0101/ 079 803 5182.