

Teachers who cane learners face the sack

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KAMPALA. Teachers in the habit of administering corporal punishments to learners will have their registration and teaching certificates cancelled, a Ministry of Education senior official has said.

The Ministry of Education banned corporal punishment in schools and advised teachers to create a safe learning environment at all times.

The ministry emphasises that the school environment should be conducive, free from fear, trauma and anxiety.

Speaking during a training workshop for mobilisers working with True Ventures for Children Uganda, a local NGO that helps vulnerable and orphaned children to acquire quality education, in Kampala on Tuesday, the assistant commissioner in the Ministry of Education in-charge of private schools and institutions, Mr George Mutekanga, said despite the existence of the ban on corporal

punishment, many teachers still administer them on learners.

"We have put a toll free line at the ministry, on which people can call and inform us about any acts of child rights abuse in schools and communities," he said.

“All teachers, who continue to give corporal punishments such as beating, kicking and others will have their teaching registration and teaching certificates cancelled,” MR GEORGE MUTEKANGA, COMMISSIONER

He said caning or flogging leads to learners to drop out of schools and sometimes cause grave bodily harm and injuries.

"Why should teachers stick to corporal punishments when there are many punishment that can be given to learners such as slashing, being expelled from a lesson or even telling them to stand in class for some time," he said.