


TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEMORANDUM

TO: All Sheriffs and Jail Administrators
FROM: Brandon Wood, Executive Director 
REGARDING: Report on Restraint of Pregnant Inmates
DATE: December 4, 2020

Reminder: Report on Restraint of Pregnant Inmates Enacted by HB 1651; §269.50-53

The Commission reminds all jails under its purview that they are required to document and report their use of restraints on pregnant inmates. As required by HB1651, the Commission adopted new Minimum Jail Standards on November 7, 2019, requiring jails to revise their policies on the use of restraints on pregnant inmates and to record each use of restraints on pregnant inmates.

This information was distributed to all jails via Technical Assistance Memo on December 4, 2019 and can be found here:

[December 2019: TA Memo – Restraint of Pregnant Inmates \(state.tx.us\)](#)

As explained in the December 2019 TA Memo, you will be required to submit the reports for the preceding year (January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020) by February 1, 2021. You may begin submitting the reports January 1, 2021. Jails are required to submit the reports using the Microsoft Excel File that is on our website and can be found here:

<https://www.tcjs.state.tx.us/forms/#1570691665650-1b9ae05c-b8d8>.

The report must be submitted as an Excel file. If the report is submitted in any other format (PDF, Word, JPEG, PNG) it will be returned and you will be requested to submit in the correct format.

If the jail did not use restraints on pregnant inmates during the year, the jail must still submit a report indicating that no restraints were used on pregnant inmates.

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