

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Uvalde County Jail

Date:

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| Item | Section | Paragraph | Comments |
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| 1 | 259 | .138 (a) | <p>One or more holding cells shall be provided to hold inmates pending intake, processing, release, or other reason for temporary holding. Inmates shall not be held for more than 48 hours</p> <p>On the date of inspection, it was determined inmates had been held in holding cells for more than 48 hours.</p> |
| 2 | 273 | .6(3) | <p>Inmates exhibiting behavior indicating that they are a danger to themselves or others shall be managed in such a way as to minimize the threat of injury or harm. If restraints are determined to be necessary, they shall be used in a humane manner, only for the prevention of injury, and not as a punitive measure. A documented observation of the inmate shall be conducted every 15 minutes, at a minimum. The observations should include an assessment of the security of the restraints and the circulation to the extremities.</p> <p>Documentation revealed jailers did not conduct observations of inmates in the restraint chair every 15 minutes, as required by minimum jail standards.</p> |
| 3 | 283 | .1 (3) (C) | <p>Provisions shall be made for at least twenty-four hours written notice to be given to the inmate of the claimed violation or charges against him/her;</p> <p>Documentation reviewed could not verify that inmates were consistently provided twenty-four hours written notice of a claimed violation or charge against him/her.</p> |
| 4 | 283 | .3 (3) | <p>Provide maximum time limits not to exceed 60 days with interim response not to exceed 15 days for written replies by the grievance board;</p> <p>Inmate interviews and grievance documentation revealed that the administration did not consistently provide the 15 day interim response as required and at times the administration exceeded the maximum time limit of 60 days to respond to inmate grievances.</p> |


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