

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEMORANDUM #21-07

TO: All Sheriffs and Jail Administrators  
FROM: Executive Director Brandon S. Wood  
RE: Restraint of Pregnant Inmates Annual Report  
DATE: December 15, 2021

### Reminder: Report on Restraint of Pregnant Inmates

The Commission reminds all jails under its purview of the requirement to document and report their use of restraints on pregnant inmates. As required by HB 1651 (86R), the Commission adopted 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 can be found in Chapter 269, Subchapter E, 269.50-269.53.

This information was distributed to all jails via Technical Assistance memo on December 4, 2019, and again on December 4, 2020; both can be found here:

[https://www.tcjs.state.tx.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/TA\\_Memo\\_Restrain\\_Report.pdf](https://www.tcjs.state.tx.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/TA_Memo_Restrain_Report.pdf)

[https://www.tcjs.state.tx.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/TA\\_Memo-Pregnant\\_Inmate\\_Restraint.pdf](https://www.tcjs.state.tx.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/TA_Memo-Pregnant_Inmate_Restraint.pdf)

Each jail is required to submit the reports for the preceding year (from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021) no later than February 1, 2022. You may begin submitting the reports on January 1, 2022, to Program Specialist Kaitlin Lopez Cano at [kaitlin.lopezcano@tcjs.state.tx.us](mailto:kaitlin.lopezcano@tcjs.state.tx.us). The report must be submitted using the Microsoft Excel File that is on our website and can be found here:

[https://www.tcjs.state.tx.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Restraints\\_Event\\_Form.xlsx](https://www.tcjs.state.tx.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Restraints_Event_Form.xlsx)

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 preceding year, the jail must still submit a report indicating that no restraints were used on pregnant inmates.

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