

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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## NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE RUNNELS COUNTY JAIL

July 19, 2023

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on July 11, 2023, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Minimum Standards Violated:	Corrective Measure Required	Date Corrective Action Must Be Completed
263.41	<p>Training of staff for emergency situations shall be provided immediately upon employment and no less than each calendar quarter for all jail personnel to include fire, emergency, evacuation drills, and location and use of equipment.</p> <p><b>A deficiency still exists from the August 23, 2022, Comprehensive Inspection. A review of required quarterly life safety training revealed that two staff members failed to receive training during the 2nd quarter of 2023.</b></p>	Upon receipt of this notice.
263.42	<p>The facility shall be inspected annually by a local fire official who is certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection or who meets the alternative criteria provided in Government Code 419.909 and shall pass the inspection.</p> <p><b>The facility was last inspected by a local fire official on January 24, 2022. This places the annual inspection overdue by 6 months.</b></p>	Upon receipt of this notice.
263.55	<p>All life safety equipment shall be inspected, maintained, and tested by persons qualified to do so (whether under vendor contract, by state or private agency or otherwise) in order that such equipment shall be safe, secure, and fully operative at all times.</p> <p><b>A deficiency still exists from the August 23, 2022, Comprehensive Inspection. The transfer switch for the</b></p>	Upon receipt of this notice.

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**facility generator is still inoperable and a test of the facility generator could not be performed on the day of the inspection. Records show the transfer switch has been inoperable since April 2021 and repairs have not been completed to date.**

263.56

Emergency power equipment shall be tested at least once each week and the electric load transferred to the circuits at least monthly.

**A deficiency still exists from the August 23, 2022, Comprehensive Inspection. Required monthly full load tests of the facility generator have not been conducted since April 2021.**

**Upon receipt of this notice.**

275.4

Sufficient staff to include supervisors, jailers and other essential personnel as accepted by the Commission shall be provided to perform required functions.

**A deficiency still exists from the August 23, 2022, Comprehensive Inspection. Staffing within the facility is not sufficient to perform other required functions within the facility. Areas found to be affected by staffing during this inspection were food preparation in the kitchen.**

**Upon receipt of this notice.**

279.3

Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.

**Housing areas D3 and D4 are currently closed due to high levels of mold within the area. Mold is also affecting the back pod control room. The cause of the mold has been traced to faulty plumbing and faulty HVAC due to neglected repairs.**

**Upon receipt of this notice.**

281.5

Food shall be prepared under the supervision of a staff member or contract employee who possesses a food handler license in accordance with Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER) §228.33

**A deficiency still exists from the August 23, 2022, Comprehensive Inspection. A review of staffing rosters for May, June, and July reveal that food was prepared in kitchen without staff supervision for 18 shifts in 72 days. This results in a 25% error rate during this time period.**

**Upon receipt of this notice.**