

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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## NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL

August 5, 2024

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on July 11, 2024, 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
259.102	Facility security shall be planned to protect inmates from one another, protect staff and visitors from inmates, and deter or prevent escapes. <b>An escape occurred on June 7, 2024, due to all security doors being unsecure.</b>	Upon receipt of this notice.
275.1	Every facility shall have the appropriate number of jailers at the facility 24 hours each day. Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented, face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes. Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined. There shall be a two-way voice communication capability between inmates and jailers, licensed peace officers, bailiffs, and designated staff at all times. Closed circuit television may be used, but not in lieu of the required personal observation. Electronic sensors or cameras capable of recording the required personal observations of inmates in high-risk cells or groups of cells shall be installed no later than August 31, 2020. <b>A review of an escape on June 7, 2024 revealed the facility did not have a licensed jailer on duty at the time of the escape.</b>	Upon receipt of this notice.

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