

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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## NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE CHEROKEE COUNTY JAIL

February 12, 2025

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on February 11, 2025, 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
273.2(7)	provide procedures for the distribution of prescriptions in accordance with written instructions from a physician by an appropriate person designated by the sheriff/operator; <b>Medication Administration Records (MAR) reviewed failed to show that medication is distributed in accordance with written instructions from a physician.</b>	Upon receipt of this notice.
273.6(3)	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. <b>During the review of one restraint log, it was determined that staff exceeded the required 15-minute observation checks by 4 to 12 minutes on all 19 checks conducted.</b>	Upon receipt of this notice.
273.6(5)	Documentation of use of restraints shall include, but not be limited to the following: the events leading up to the need for restraints, the time the restraints were applied, the justification for their use, observations of the inmate's behavior and condition, the 15-minute checks and the time the restraints were removed. <b>Administration was unable to provide the required documentation for the use of the emergency restraint chair to include; the events leading up to the need for restraints, the time the restraints were applied, the</b>	Upon receipt of this notice

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**justification for their use, observations of the inmate's behavior and condition, and the time the restraints were removed.**

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.

**During the custodial death review of an inmate, it was determined that staff failed to conduct proper face-to-face observations of the inmate.**

**Upon receipt of this notice.**

285.1

Each facility shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission, for inmate physical exercise and physical recreation. Documentation of physical exercise and physical recreation shall be maintained for Commission review. Each inmate shall be allowed one hour of supervised physical exercise or physical recreation at least three days per week.

**Documentation provided and reviewed for August, September and October 2024, failed to show that inmates are provided at least 1 hour of supervised physical exercise or physical recreation at least three days per week.**

**Upon receipt of this notice.**