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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE EDWARDS COUNTY JAIL

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Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on October 17, 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
263.42	Each facility, after consultation with the local fire department or Texas Commission on Fire Protection, shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission on Jail Standards, for fire prevention and a fire hazard inspection checklist which shall be evaluated no less than each calendar quarter. 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. The facility had not been inspected by a fire official since September 3, 2024, making the inspection 1 month overdue.	Upon receipt of this notice.
263.55	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. The fire suppression system for the kitchen was inspected in May of 2024 and May of 2025 in contradiction to NFPA, which requires inspection to occur every 6 months.	Upon receipt of this notice.

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271.1(a)(1)(E)

(a) Each sheriff/operator shall develop and implement an objective classification plan approved by the Commission by January 1, 1997. The plan shall include principles, procedures, instruments and explanations for classification assessments, housing assignments, reassessments and inmate needs. Plans utilizing an approved objective classification system shall be submitted and approved by the Commission. The following principles and procedures shall be addressed:

(1) inmates shall be classified and housed in the least restrictive housing available without jeopardizing staff, inmates or the public, utilizing risk factors which include any or all of the following:

(E) prior convictions;

3 of the 5 files reviewed were classified improperly when determining the existence of a previous assaultive felony conviction.

Upon receipt of this notice.

273.5(a)(2)

(2) Identification. Procedures for intake screening to identify inmates who are known to be or observed to be mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal and procedures for compliance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22 and referrals to available mental health officials;

3 of the 5 files reviewed, proper notification was not made to the magistrate or LMHA, in accordance with CCP 16.22.

Upon receipt of this notice.

279.1(2)

(2) water and sewage systems not part of a public system and food preparation areas shall be inspected at least annually by health authorities and record kept for each inspection;

The facility was last received a health inspection on March 4, 2024, making the inspection 7 months out of date.

Upon receipt of this notice.

281.3

Except in emergency situations, meals shall be served in accordance with a written menu approved and reviewed annually for compliance with nationally recognized allowances for basic nutrition including nutritional requirements of known pregnant inmates. This approval and review shall be documented and should be performed by a licensed or provisional licensed dietitian.

The menu was last approved on March 4, 2024, making the menu 7 months out of date.

Upon receipt of this notice.