

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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## NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE

### KARNES COUNTY JAIL

March 18, 2026

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on March 10, 2026, 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**

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.

**Upon receipt of this  
notice.**

**Review of the face-to-face observation logs from March 6, 2026 to March 8, 2026 revealed 8 out of 72 rounds exceeded the 60 minute maximum between rounds from 1 minute to 206 minutes.**

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*To empower local government to provide safe, secure and suitable local jail facilities through proper rules and procedures while promoting innovative programs and ideas*