

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS  
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Liberty Co. Jail

Date:

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Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	259	.138(a)	<p>One or more holding cells shall be provided to hold inmates pending intake, processing, release, or other reason for temporary holding. Inmates shall not be held for more than 48 hours and the cell shall include the following features.</p> <p><b>During a walkthrough of the facility, it was determined that inmates are being held in excess of 48 hours which exceeds the time limit for a holding cell.</b></p>
2	273	.5(a)(2)	<p>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.</p> <p><b>While reviewing inmate medical files, it was determined that jail staff are not completing the form in its entirety by notating a CCQ match response and/or notating comments when answering "Yes" to questions. Jail staff are not making/documenting notifications, including magistrate as required by CCP 16.22, when required by the Screening Form for Suicide and Medical/Mental/Developmental Impairments.</b></p>
3	273	.5(c)(1)	<p>Mental History Check. Each jail shall check each inmate upon intake into the jail against the Department of State Health Services CCQ system to determine if the inmate has previously received state mental healthcare, unless the inmate is being housed as an out of state inmate or a federal inmate on a contractual basis.</p> <p><b>While reviewing inmate medical files, it was determined that CCQ match responses are not being kept on file. Along with not documenting the match response, there is no evidence that CCQ queries are being performed.</b></p>
4	279	.3	<p>Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.</p> <p><b>During a walkthrough of the facility, significant maintenance issues were observed. The following is a list of areas identified:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>J1 – Lock panel/mechanism loose and exposed</b></li><li><b>J2 – Lock panel/mechanism loose and exposed</b></li><li><b>J3 – Light out, diamond plate on intercom damaged</b></li><li><b>J Dorm – Dayroom shower #2 missing and exposed wiring</b></li><li><b>K2 – Intercom not properly secured to the wall</b></li><li><b>L2 – Intercom not properly secured to the wall</b></li><li><b>L3 – Toilet button leaking when flushed</b></li><li><b>Laundry – Breaker box unsecured, fire strobe light casing missing</b></li><li><b>Holding 3 – intercom housing damaged, metal privacy partition loose, part of cell ceiling exposed</b></li><li><b>Dorm 2 – Showerhead #2 loose</b></li><li><b>Dorm 1 – Phone partition loose, Shower #2 drain not secured, metal TV mount not fully secured to the wall</b></li><li><b>Sep 3 – intercom not fully secured to the wall</b></li><li><b>Sep 2 – High water pressure on cold sink water.</b></li><li><b>Dorm 3 – Telephone partition bent exposing metal edge</b></li></ul>

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Throughout the facility, the light fixtures were missing vandal resistant screws to the point that light housings were not fully secured as designed and light housings have been damaged to allow access to wiring as indicated by multiple burned/melted light covers. In the west side housing units (Dorms 1,2,3,4) numerous areas of tile are missing from the bathroom and shower areas. Privacy partitions in these areas have also been damaged due to the installation of privacy clips for PREA regulations per administration. Tile is also missing in a section in the kitchen flooring.

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