

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

Facility Name: Bowie County Jail

Date:

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Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	259	.133	<p>Single cells shall contain not less than 40 square feet of clear floor space. Each cell shall have one bunk, toilet, lavatory, table, and seat separate from the bunk.</p> <p>While conducting the walk-through of the Bi-State facility, it was determined that multiple single cells did not contain a seat, separate from the bunk, for inmates to sit as required by minimum jail standards.</p>
2	263	.41	<p>Training of staff for emergency situations shall be provided immediately upon employment and no less than each calendar quarter for all jail personnel to include fire, emergency, evacuation drills, and location and use of equipment.</p> <p>During the inspection, it was determined that licensed jailers from the Bowie County Sheriff's Office working at the courthouse holding did not have the required quarterly life safety training.</p>
3	273	.2 (12)	<p>Provide procedures that shall require that a qualified medical professional shall review as soon as possible any prescription medication a prisoner is taking when the prisoner is taken into custody;</p> <p>While reviewing inmate medical files, it was determined that medical staff failed to review prescriptions for two inmates taken into custody.</p>
4	273	.4 (b)	<p>Separate health records shall reflect all subsequent findings, diagnoses, treatment, disposition, special housing assignments, medical isolation, distribution of medications, and the name of any institution to which the inmate's health record has been released.</p> <p>While reviewing inmate medication administration records, several medical files (both day and night shifts) were identified as not having any documentation of the distribution of medications.</p>
5	275	.1	<p>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.</p> <p>While reviewing electronic observation logs, it was determined that jail staff are consistently exceeding the required 30 minute observations from 1 minute up to 27 minutes.</p>

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