

**Texas Commission on Jail Standards
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Van Zandt County Jail

Date:

January 25, 2021

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	273	.6 (3)	<p>Inmates exhibiting behavior indicating that they are a danger to themselves or others shall be managed in such a way as to minimize the threat of injury or harm. If restraints are determined to be necessary, they shall be used in a humane manner, only for the prevention of injury, and not as a punitive measure. 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.</p> <p>A review of restraint chair logs indicated staff exceeded the required 15 minute observation checks by 1 to 17 minutes on multiple occasions.</p>
2	281	.5	<p>Staff Supervision. Food shall be prepared under the supervision of a staff member or contract employee and shall be served only under the immediate supervision of a staff member. Care shall be taken that hot foods are served reasonably warm and that cold foods are served reasonably cold.</p> <p>Inmate workers in the kitchen were observed to be preparing inmate meal trays without immediate staff supervision.</p>


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