

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE BOWIE COUNTY JAIL

September 30, 2026

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued September 30, 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
259.143(b)	Toilets and Lavatories. Detention type toilets and lavatories shall be provided in cells and day rooms. In direct supervision living areas, they shall be constructed in such manner and of such material so as to resist vandalism. Based on design capacity, each cell and day room shall provide one toilet and lavatory capable of providing drinking water for each group or increment of 8 inmates.	Upon receipt of this notice.
	During the investigation of Complaint Case # 47805, it was determined that the Bowie County Jail shut off water in Cell A209 from August 20, 2026 to August 25, 2026.	
277.6	Each inmate shall be given the opportunity to shower at least every other day or more often if possible. Inmates on work assignments and those making court appearances shall be given an opportunity to shower daily. Inmates should be required to shower at least every other day. Whenever clearly justified for health or sanitary reasons, the sheriff/operator may require a shower.	Upon receipt of this notice
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"The Commission on Jail Standards welcomes all suggestions and will promptly respond to all complaints directed against the agency or any facilities under its purview".

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283.1(4)(D)

Deprivation of clothing or bedding; inmates who destroy bedding or clothing may be deprived of such items. This shall be reviewed and documented every twenty-four hours;

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notice**

During the investigation of Complaint Case # 47805, it was determined that the Bowie County Jail failed to complete the required 24-hour review and documentation from August 21, 2026 to August 24, 2026 concerning the removal of an inmate's mattress after the mattress had been destroyed. Additionally, investigation of complaint case # 47065 revealed that staff failed to complete the required 24 hour review and documentation on July 8, 2026, July 10, 2026 and July 15, 2026 concerning the removal of an inmates mattress and blanket.

285.1

Each facility shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission, for inmate physical exercise and physical recreation. Documentation of physical exercise and physical recreation shall be maintained for Commission review. Each inmate shall be allowed one hour of supervised physical exercise or physical recreation at least three days per week.

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During a complaint investigation for case# 47492. Documentation revealed that recreation was not offered 3 times a week for 1 hour from May 1, 2026 through June 17, 2026 with a total of 18 recreation days missed.