

Texas Administrative Code

[TITLE 37](#)[PART 9](#)[CHAPTER 275](#)

RULE §275.1

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

SUPERVISION OF INMATES

Regular Observation by Jailers

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.

Source Note: The provisions of this §275.1 adopted to be effective December 20, 1994, 19 TexReg 9651; amended to be effective December 22, 1999, 24 TexReg 11519; amended to be effective January 1, 2014, 38 TexReg 9626; amended to be effective August 26, 2018, 43 TexReg 5542; amended to be effective December 22, 2020, 45 TexReg 9231

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