



**TEXAS BOARD
OF
PARDONS AND PAROLES**

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BOARD POLICY

SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF STANDARDIZED DISTANCE FOR CHILD SAFETY ZONES

PURPOSE: To establish a standardized distance for child safety zones while maintaining a parole panel's flexibility to modify the established distance on a case-by-case basis as authorized by the statute.

AUTHORITY: Texas Constitution, Article IV, Section 11
Texas Government Code, Sections 508.0441, 508.045, 508.187, 508.221 and 508.225

DEFINITIONS: Child safety zone - the distance an offender shall not go in, on, or within premises where children commonly gather, including but not limited to: schools, day-care facilities, playgrounds, public or private youth centers, public swimming pools or video arcade facilities.

Playground, premises, school, video arcade facility, and youth center - as defined in the Health and Safety Code, Section 481.134, Drug-Free Zones.

Standardized distance - the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles' (Board) established distance for child safety zones.

POLICY: The Board adopts the distance of five hundred (500) feet as its standardized distance for child safety zones for the purposes of a parole panel's designation as required by Sections 508.187 and 508.225.

Notwithstanding the standardized distance for a child safety zone adopted by this policy, the requirement that an offender not go in, on, or within the distance specified by a parole panel of certain premises does not apply to an offender while the offender is in or going immediately to or from:

1. a parole office;
2. premises at which the offender is participating in a program or activity required as a condition of release;

3. a residential facility in which the offender is required to reside as a condition of release;
4. a private residence in which the offender is required to reside as a condition of release; or
5. any other premises, facility, or location that is:
 - a. designed to rehabilitate or reform the offender; or
 - b. authorized by the Parole Division as a premises, facility or location where it is reasonable and necessary for the offender to be present and at which the offender has legitimate business including a church, synagogue, or other established place of religious worship, a workplace, a health care facility, or a location of a funeral.

ADOPTED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD ON 20th DAY OF JULY, 2017.

DAVID GUTIÉRREZ, PRESIDING OFFICER (CHAIR)

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