



News Release

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Portland metro scores high in OLCC checks for alcohol sales to minors

Portland, OR – The Oregon Liquor Control Commission performed alcohol sales checks to minors in Portland, Gresham and Troutdale on May 19 and 22.

The compliance rate averaged 90 percent for both operations, which is well above the 2008 statewide average of 78 percent.

“Binge drinking before turning 21 can cause damage to a teen’s still developing brain,” said Carl Lewis, Regional Enforcement Manager. “Oregon’s store clerks and servers play a critical role in keeping alcohol out of minors’ hands.”

- **Eastern Multnomah County** (Portland, Gresham, Troutdale) had an 86 percent compliance rate on May 19 with 26 out of 30 businesses passing. The compliance check was performed by OLCC and Gresham Police Department.
- **Portland** had a 94 percent compliance rate on May 22 with 15 out of 16 businesses passing. OLCC performed the minor sales check.

The commission performs the minor sales checks in an effort to reduce drinking by minors, which is a serious problem throughout the state. The OLCC tests about 1,800 licensed liquor businesses each year. Licensees or their employees can be held liable for alcohol-related damages and injuries if they serve or sell alcohol to a minor.

Under Oregon law, businesses in cities with a population of 20,000 or more have an equal chance of being randomly selected for a minor decoy compliance check. A business can also be selected for a compliance check if there is a documented complaint of sales to minors. Businesses in cities with a population under 20,000 and unincorporated areas in counties are not subject to these selection requirements.

The OLCC offers a free training course on how to check ID’s. Participants learn how to identify false identification and the laws regarding minors and alcohol. Additional training opportunities are available including classes for store clerks and service permit holders. Interested persons can call the local OLCC office to schedule a training session.

During the sales checks, a minor volunteer attempts to purchase alcohol from a licensed business to see if staff are checking ID’s correctly and refusing to sell alcohol to anyone under 21. Commission inspectors or other law enforcement officers supervise the minor volunteers. The volunteers carry their own legal ID and do not disguise their age or lie to encourage the sale of alcohol.

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Promoting the public interest through responsible alcohol sales and service.

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Eastern Multnomah County (Portland, Gresham, Troutdale)		
86% Passed compliance check:		
HIGHLAND PUB & BREWERY 4225 SE 182ND AVE GRESHAM, OR	SAFEWAY STORE #1542 2501 SW CHERRY PARK RD TROUTDALE, OR	JOSEPH'S SWIRL SANDWICHES 4245 SE 182ND AVE GRESHAM, OR
JUAN COLORADO MEXICAN RESTAURANT 1775 NW FAIRVIEW DR GRESHAM, OR	SHIRLEY'S TIPPY CANOE 8242 E HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HWY TROUTDALE, OR	PLAID PANTRY #145 18014 SE STARK PORTLAND, OR
RIVERVIEW RESTAURANT 29311 SE STARK ST TROUTDALE, OR	JACKSON'S #525 25737 SE STARK TROUTDALE, OR	FRANCIS XAVIER'S RESTAURANT 1933 NE 181ST AVE PORTLAND, OR
SHELLEY'S DELICATESSEN & LOUNGE 26733 SE STARK ST TROUTDALE, OR	LA COSTITA RESTAURANT 25627 SE STARK ST TROUTDALE, OR	NEW GOLDEN STAR 18836 SE STARK PORTLAND, OR
SIAM SUSHI RESTAURANT 165 E HISTORIC RIVER HWY TROUTDALE, OR	ZARA'S EUROFOODS 17990 SE DIVISION ST PORTLAND, OR	PLUM TREE RESTAURANT 1524 NE 181ST PORTLAND, OR
GLISAN/162ND MARKET 16158 NE GLISAN ST PORTLAND, OR	CJ'S CAFÉ 20101 NE SANDY BLVD FAIRVIEW, OR	MT. VIEW MARKET 3143 S TROUTDALE RD TROUTDALE, OR
GO GO MART 2515 E POWELL BLVD PORTLAND, OR	NEW GARDEN RESTAURANT 17940 NE GLISAN PORTLAND, OR	ZGHOUL AM/PM 24235 SE STARK GRESHAM, OR
PLAID PANTRY #137 246 W COLUMBIA RIVER HWY TROUTDALE, OR	JOEY'S 2 17510 SE STARK ST PORTLAND, OR	GRESHAM INN 117 N MAIN GRESHAM, OR
TAD'S CHICKEN & DUMPLINS 1325 SE HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HWY TROUTDALE, OR	GRAMPY'S DELI 520 NW EASTMAN PKWY GRESHAM, OR	
14% Failed compliance check:		
JAY MINIT MART 17424 SE STARK PORTLAND, OR	LA TAPATIA MARKET II 1025 E POWELL BLVD #107 GRESHAM, OR	SKYLAND PUB 3175 S TROUTDALE RD TROUTDALE, OR
RISTORANTE DI POMPELLO 177 E COLUMBIA RIVER HWY TROUTDALE, OR		

Portland		
94% Passed compliance check:		
OMSI 1945 SE WATER AVE PORTLAND, OR	THE SIDE STREET TAVERN 828 SE 34 TH SUITE A PORTLAND, OR	MAIDEN IN THE MIST 639 SE MORRISON ST PORTLAND, OR
AUDIOCINEMA 226 SE MADISON PORTLAND, OR	BOO HAN MARKET 1313 SE 82 ND AVE PORTLAND, OR	THE ALLEYWAY CAFÉ & BAR 2415 NE ALBERTA PORTLAND, OR

NOBLE ROT 2724 SE ANKENY ST PORTLAND, OR	EUGENIO'S 3588 SE DIVISION PORTLAND, OR	DOTTY'S #27 1738 NE 122 ND PORTLAND, OR
ADOBE ROSE CAFÉ 1634 SE BYBEE PORTLAND, OR	EL PORVENIR MINI MARKET 25 SE 162 ND AVE PORTLAND, OR	PLAID PANTRY #27 2116 NE 82 ND PORTLAND, OR
PIZZICATO WESTMORELAND 1630 SE BYBEE PORTLAND, OR	TWO BROTHERS CAFÉ & GRILL 829 SE 39 TH AVE PORTLAND, OR	HAWTHORNE THEATER 1507 SE 39 TH AVE PORTLAND, OR
4% Failed compliance check:		
IL PIATTO 2348 SE ANKENY ST PORTLAND, OR		