



News Release

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74 percent of Hood River County businesses pass OLCC, Hood River PD and Hood River Co. Sheriff's Office minor sales check

Hood River, OR – Seventeen out of 23 businesses in Hood River County passed a check for alcohol sales to minors Nov. 27. The compliance check was performed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, Hood River Police Department and the Hood River County Sheriff's Office. The checks were supported by the Hood River County Commission on Children and Families. The 74 percent compliance rate was consistent with the 2008 statewide average of 78 percent.

"As schools are letting out for winter break, it's more important than ever that licensees are checking IDs," said Carl Lewis, Regional Enforcement Manager. "We want to make sure that everyone has a safe and happy holiday."

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.

Hood River County		
74% Passed compliance check:		
HOOD RIVER LIQUOR STORE 2149 CASCADE AVE HOOD RIVER, OR	EL PUERTO DE ANGELES MEXICAN RESTAURANT 1304 12TH ST HOOD RIVER, OR	JIM'S MARKET 6045 DEE HWY PARKDALE, OR
CCL CHEVRON 437 WANAPA ST CASCADE LOCKS, OR	PIETRO'S 107 2ND ST HOOD RIVER, OR	PARKDALE STATION 4966 BASELINE DR PARKDALE, OR
CHARBURGER COUNTRY 4100 WESTCLIFF DR HOOD RIVER, OR	SOPHIE'S RESTAURANT 1810 W CASCADE HOOD RIVER, OR	SAW TOOTH ROADHOUSE 4780 HWY 35 HOOD RIVER, OR
BRIAN'S POUR HOUSE 606 OAK ST HOOD RIVER, OR	THE CRAZY PEPPER CANTINA/MEXICAN REST. 103 4TH ST HOOD RIVER, OR	MT HOOD COUNTRY STORE 6545 COOPER SPUR RD MT HOOD, OR
DIXIE'S SOUTHERN GRUB 1302 13TH ST HOOD RIVER, OR	WHITE BUFFALO WINE BASKETS 4040 WESTCLIFF DR HOOD RIVER, OR	EAGLES LODGE #2150 HOOD RIVER 2290 TUCKER RD HOOD RIVER, OR
DOG RIVER COFFEE COMPANY 411 OAK ST HOOD RIVER, OR	CLEM'S COUNTRY STORE 3398 ODELL HWY ODELL, OR	
26% Failed compliance check:		

CHUBY'S 3034 ODELL HWY ODELL, OR	MID VALLEY MARKET 3380 ODELL HWY ODELL, OR	CHARBURGER 745 WANAPA ST CASCADE LOCKS, OR
MCISAAC'S 4990 BASELINE DR PARKDALE, OR	AMERICAN LEGION POST #22 HOOD RIVER 1305 TUCKER RD HOOD RIVER, OR	GRACE SU'S CHINA GORGE RESTAURANT 2680 OLD COLUMBIA RIVER DR HOOD RIVER, OR

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. (*Samples of OR Driver Licenses for minor and adult attached*)

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 that identifies them as under 21 and do not disguise their age or lie to encourage the sale of alcohol.

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