



News Release

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Four out of ten businesses in Independence and Dallas pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Salem, OR – Forty percent of businesses in Independence and Dallas that were checked April 16, passed by refusing to sell alcohol to the minor volunteers. The compliance check was performed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a 40 percent compliance rate, which is significantly below the statewide average of 78 percent.

“Just taking a little extra time to really get a good look at the ID being presented can make the difference in a sale to a minor,” said James Lynch, Salem Regional Manager. “We want to work with businesses to make sure they are checking ID correctly, which is why we offer a free ID checking class.”

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.

The OLCC offers a free training course on how to check ID. 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 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.

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.

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“Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service”

Independence/Dallas (4/16/10)		
40% Passed		
4 out of 10 Businesses Passed		
KWIK STOP MARKET 810 N MAIN ST INDEPENDENCE, OR	ARENA SPORTS BAR & GRILL 174 S MAIN INDEPENDENCE, OR	THE ROUNDUP PUB 962 MAIN ST DALLAS, OR
THE CHASE BAR & GRILL 1083 MONMOUTH RD INDEPENDENCE, OR		
60% Failed		
6 out of 10 Businesses Failed		
BLONDIE'S 186 SW COURT ST DALLAS, OR	CAPONE'S MAIN ST PUB & GRILL 957 MAIN ST DALLAS, OR	LENORA'S GHOST/J BELLA'S RISTORANTE 114 S MAIN ST INDEPENDENCE, OR
MI CASITA MARKET 834 N MAIN INDEPENDENCE, OR	THE DUSTY SPUR PIZZA COMPANY 301 S MAIN INDEPENDENCE, OR	WASHINGTON ST STEAKHOUSE & PUB 141 SW WASHINGTON ST DALLAS, OR