



# News Release

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## Medford businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

**Medford, OR** – Five out of 8 businesses visited passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed May 18 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 63 percent which was significantly below the 2010 statewide average of 80 percent.

“Summer is an exciting time. It’s tempting to let yourself get distracted,” said Jeff Jett, Medford Regional Manager. “Unfortunately, one distraction could result in selling alcohol to a minor. The person who sold or served could be held legally responsible for any alcohol-related injuries, damages or deaths that are caused by the minor. Refusing to sell alcohol to minors keeps the community and the business safe.”

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 licensed liquor businesses throughout the year. Licensees or their employees could 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’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* <http://www.flickr.com/photos/oregonliquorcontrolcommission/sets/72157624623539267/>)

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. The Oregon Driver license for a minor carries a red border around the picture with the words “Under 21 until” followed by the date of his/her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

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.

*“Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service”*

*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than \$343 million to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)*

### Medford

8 premises visited: 5 No Sales, 3 Sales – Compliance rate of 63%.

<b><u>NO SALES:</u></b>	<b><u>NO SALES:</u></b>
4 Daughters Irish Pub 126 W Main St Medford	Shell 338 1968 Crater Lake Hwy Medford
Joe's La Burrita 4044 Crater Lake Ave Medford	Short Stop Market 3320 N Pacific Hwy Medford
Riverside 76 1050 S Riverside Ave Medford	
<b><u>SALES:</u></b>	<b><u>SALES:</u></b>
Homewood Suites by Hilton 2010 Hospitality Way Medford	Spicers Restaurant & Dessertery 3603 Crater Lake Hwy Medford
Rogue Regency Inn & Suites 2300 Biddle Road Medford	

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