



News Release

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Astoria and Warrenton businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Portland, OR – Eleven out of 17 businesses visited in Astoria and Warrenton passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed June 11 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission in conjunction with the Warrenton Police Department and Seaside Police Department.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 65 percent which is significantly lower than the 2010 statewide average of 80 percent.

“Summer is a time when businesses really need to take a few extra seconds to get a good look at the ID being presented,” said Janice Kindrick, Regional Enforcement Manager. “So many high school and college kids are home for the summer. By slowing down and checking the ID of anyone who looks 26 or younger, employees can prevent alcohol sales to minors.”

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 21st 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.](#)

Clatsop County

17 premises visited: 11 No Sales, 6 Sales – Compliance rate of 65%.

<u>NO SALES:</u>	<u>NO SALES:</u>
ASTORIA COFFEE HOUSE 243 11TH ASTORIA	ROD'S BAR & GRILL 45 N SKIPANON DR WARRENTON
ASTORIA MINI MART 95 W MARINE DR ASTORIA	SAFEWAY STORE #2627 3250 LEIF ERICKSON DR ASTORIA
HAZEL'S TAVERN 1313 MARINE DR ASTORIA	SILVER SALMON GRILLE – SILVER SALMON SALOON 1105 COMMERCIAL ST ASTORIA
MARITIME TEXACO 1701 E MARINE DR ASTORIA	SOUTH JETTY DINING ROOM & BAR 1015 PACIFIC DR HAMMOND
PETER PAN MARKET 712 NIAGARA ASTORIA	WORKERS BAR & GRILL 281 W MARINE DR ASTORIA
RITE AID #5343 145 S HWY 101 WARRENTON	
<u>SALES:</u>	<u>SALES:</u>
ASTORIA CHEVRON FOOD MART 584 MARINE DR ASTORIA	DRAGON RIVER RESTAURANT 1605 E HARBOR DR WARRENTON
CLEMENTE'S SEAFOOD 1198 COMMERCIAL ST ASTORIA	PORTWAY 422 W MARINE DR ASTORIA
DESDEMONA 2997 MARINE DR ASTORIA	SHIPYARD BAR & GRILL 894 COMMERCIAL ASTORIA