



# News Release

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## **74% of businesses in Albany pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors**

**Albany, OR** – Fourteen out of 19 businesses visited in Albany passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed January 21 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 74 percent which is consistent with the 2011 statewide average of 76 percent.

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.

## Albany

19 premises visited: 14 No Sales, 5 Sales – Compliance rate of 74%.

<b><u>SALES</u></b>	<b><u>NO SALES</u></b>	<b><u>NO SALES</u></b>
I-5 & HWY 34 76 33380 SE HWY 34 ALBANY	ARCO AM/PM MINI MART 33200 SE HWY 34 ALBANY	S & S EASY MART 3135 SANTIAM HWY ALBANY
THE BEANERY 1852 FESCUE ST SE ALBANY	JACKSONS FOOD STORES #109 33157 HWY 34 SE ALBANY	FRED MEYER 2500 SANTIAM BLVD ALBANY
THE FOOD STORE 4195 SE SANTIAM HWY ALBANY	SHELL 508 33125 HWY 34 SE ALBANY	TRI VALLEY FOOD MART 2703 SANTIAM HWY SE ALBANY
PIZZA HUT 2215 14 <sup>TH</sup> AVE SE ALBANY	CROSSROADS DELI & CO 33685 HWY 99E TANGENT	7-ELEVEN STORE #2363- 23216C 1815 QUEEN AVE SE ALBANY
US MARKET #170 2211 WAVERLY DR SE #7 ALBANY	ALBANY MEGA FOODS 2000 QUEEN SE ALBANY	LUM YUEN RESTAURANT 1236 PRICE RD SE ALBANY
	ELMER'S RESTAURANT 2802 SANTIAM HWY SE ALBANY	PIZZAMORE 2212 SANTIAM HWY SE ALBANY
	GROCERY OUTLET OF ALBANY 1950 SE 14 <sup>TH</sup> AVE ALBANY	

*"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.](#)*

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