



# News Release

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## Nine out of 11 Hood River County businesses pass OLCC and Hood River Co. Sheriff's Office check for alcohol sales to minors

**Portland, OR** – Eighty two percent of Hood River County businesses that were checked by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and Hood River County Sheriff's Office passed by refusing to sell alcohol to the minor volunteers. The compliance check was performed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and Hood River County Sheriff's Office Feb. 26.

The sales check resulted in an 82 percent compliance rate, which is well above the statewide average of 78 percent.

"It is so important for licensees and their employees to check ID's correctly," said Carl Lewis, Regional Enforcement Manager. "Many sales to minors could be avoided by servers and clerks if they took a little longer to really look at the ID being presented."

<b>Hood River County (2/26/10)</b>		
<b>82% Passed</b>		
EGG HARBOR CAFÉ 1313 OAK ST HOOD RIVER, OR	GROUND 12 OAK ST HOOD RIVER, OR	ALPENSTUBE (MT HOOD MEADOWS) US 35, 2 1/2 MILES FROM GOV. CAMP MT. HOOD, OR
COOPER SPUR MOUNTAIN RESORT 10755 COOPER SPUR RD MT. HOOD, OR	ELLIOT GLACIER PUBLIC HOUSE 4945 BASELINE RD PARKDALE, OR	THREE RIVERS GRILL 601 OAK ST HOOD RIVER, OR
CELILO RESTAURANT 16 OAK ST HOOD RIVER, OR	ORCHARDS LANES BOWLING CENTER 1141 TUCKER RD HOOD RIVER, OR	BOYS PINE GROVE GROCERY 2375 HWY 35 HOOD RIVER, OR
<b>18% Failed</b>		
THE PINES 202 STATE ST HOOD RIVER, OR	MICHOACAN SPORTS BAR & GRILL 3405 ODELL HWY HOOD RIVER, OR	

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'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.

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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