



# News Release

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## **Seven out of nine businesses in Albany pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors**

**Salem, OR** – Seventy eight percent of businesses in Albany, 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 78 percent compliance rate, which is consistent with the statewide average of 78 percent.

“Studies show that teenage binge drinking can do long-term damage to a still-developing brain,” said James Lynch, Salem Regional Manager. “We want to work with businesses to make sure they are checking ID correctly.”

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”*

**Albany (4/17/10)****78% Passed****7 out of 9 Businesses Passed**

TRI VALLEY FOOD MART 2703 SANTIAM HWY SE ALBANY, OR	US MARKET #170 2211 WAVERLY DR SE #7 ALBANY, OR	US MARKET #180 1709 HILL ST ALBANY, OR
RED ROBIN RESTAURANT 1845 14TH AVE SE ALBANY, OR	WALGREENS #06530 1700 PACIFIC BLVD ALBANY, OR	RILEY'S BILLIARDROOM 124 BROADALBIN ALBANY, OR
CHASER'S BAR AND GRILL 435 2ND SE ALBANY, OR		

**22% Failed****2 out of 9 Businesses Failed**

7 ELEVEN STORE #2363- 23216B 1815 QUEEN AVE SE ALBANY, OR	FRED MEYER 2500 SANTIAM BLVD ALBANY, OR	
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