



# News Release

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## **Fourteen out of 17 businesses in Deschutes County pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors**

**Sisters, OR** – Eighty two percent of businesses in Deschutes County 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 an 82 percent compliance rate, which is consistent with the statewide average of 78 percent.

“We’re glad to see that licensees are taking the time to check ID correctly,” said Katy Boyce, Bend Regional Manager. “Studies show that teenage binge drinking can do long-term damage to a still-developing brain.”

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”*

<b>Sisters (4/16/10)</b>		
<b>82% Passed</b>		
<b>14 out of 17 Businesses Passed</b>		
CORK CELLARS 101 W MAIN ST SISTERS, OR	RAYS FOOD PLACE #45 635 N ARROWLEAF SISTERS, OR	SISTER'S MOVIE HOUSE 720 DESPERADO CT SISTERS, OR
SISTERS LIQUOR STORE 111 W CASCADE SISTERS, OR	RANCHO VIEJO 150 E CASCADE AVE SISTERS, OR	SISTERS PUMP HOUSE 591 E HWY 20 SISTERS, OR
EL CAPORAL - TUMALO 64672 COOK AVE TUMALO, OR	BOSS'S OFFICE 1421 N 6TH ST REDMOND, OR	CHAN'S OF REDMOND 615 N 6TH ST REDMOND, OR
D&H TEXACO 539 NW 6TH ST REDMOND, OR	MOOSE LODGE #323 REDMOND 3199 N HWY 97 REDMOND, OR	CHECKER'S PUB 329 SW 6TH ST REDMOND, OR
AVERY'S WINE BAR 427 SW 8TH ST REDMOND, OR	DOOZY'S 1729 ODEM MEDO RD REDMOND, OR	
<b>18% Failed</b>		
<b>3 out of 17 Businesses Failed</b>		
SASSY'S CAFÉ 3113 S HWY 97 #105 REDMOND, OR	REDMOND GROCERY OUTLET 798 N 5TH ST REDMOND, OR	EL CAPORAL 473 HOOD ST SISTERS, OR