



# News Release

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## Six out of nine Newport businesses pass OLCC and Newport Police Department check for alcohol sales to minors

**Newport, OR** – Sixty-seven percent of Newport businesses that were checked for alcohol sales to minors passed by refusing to sell to underage volunteers. The compliance check was performed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and Newport Police Department May 20.

The sales check resulted in a 67 percent compliance rate, which is lower than the statewide average of 78 percent.

“Preventing alcohol sales to minors is a priority for the OLCC,” said Pete O'Rourke, Eugene Regional Manager. “We ask anyone who sells or serves alcohol to take an extra 30 seconds to look at the ID to make sure the person isn't a minor.”

<b>Newport (5/20/10)</b>		
<b>67% Passed</b>		
<b>6 out of 9 Businesses Passed</b>		
L & P HOOVER PUB & GRILL 3539 SW HWY 101 NEWPORT, OR	SANDBAR & GRILL 722 NW BEACH DRIVE NEWPORT, OR	ROGUE ALES PUBLIC HOUSE 748 SW BAY BLVD NEWPORT, OR
SHELL #503 22 NORTH COAST HWY NEWPORT, OR	US MARKET #104 1445 N COAST HWY 101 NEWPORT, OR	SAFEWAY STORE #378 2220 NORTH COAST HWY NEWPORT, OR
<b>33% Failed</b>		
<b>3 out of 9 Businesses Failed</b>		
SHILO RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 538 SW ELIZABETH STREET NEWPORT, OR	APOLLOS RESTAURANT & NIGHTCLUB 836 SW BAY BLVD NEWPORT, OR	WAL-MART STORE #1925 160 NW 25TH STREET NEWPORT, 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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