



News Release

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Nine out of 12 West Linn businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

West Linn, OR – Seventy-five percent of West Linn 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 on July 23.

The sales check resulted in a 75 percent compliance rate, which is slightly lower than the statewide average of 78 percent.

“These type of compliance checks are a good way for business owners to recognize employees who check ID correctly, as well as identify potential training needs,” said Janice Kindrick, West Metro Enforcement Unit Manager. “Our job is to work with business owners to make sure employees are educated about the laws and responsibilities involved in legally selling alcoholic beverages.”

West Linn (7/23/10)		
75% Passed		
9 out of 12 Businesses Passed		
THAI ORCHID RESTAURANT 18740 WILLAMETTE DR WEST LINN, OR	PINE GARDEN RESTAURANT 21550 SALAMO RD WEST LINN, OR	LINN CITY PUB 19389 WILLAMETTE DR WEST LINN, OR
PHILADELPHIA'S STEAKS & HOAGIES 18625 WILLAMETTE DR WEST LINN, OR	ROUND TABLE PIZZA 19121 WILLAMETTE DR WEST LINN, OR	ALBERTSON'S #506 1855 BLANKENSHIP WEST LINN, OR
WILLAMETTE CHEVRON 2115 8TH CT WEST LINN, OR	SUNSET MARKET 4480 CORNWALL ST WEST LINN, OR	SHARI'S OF WEST LINN 2180 EIGHTH CT WEST LINN, OR
25% Failed		
3 out of 12 Businesses Failed		
WEST LINN SOUTH LIQUOR STORE 21130 S SALAMO RD WEST LINN, OR	LIL' COOPERSTOWN PUB & GRILL 1817 WILLAMETTE FALLS DR WEST LINN, OR	WILLAMETTE GENERAL STORE 1720 WILLAMETTE FALLS DR WEST LINN, 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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