



News Release

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Nineteen out of 23 Hood River businesses pass OLCC and Hood River Police Department check for alcohol sales to minors

Hood River, OR – Eighty-three percent of Hood River 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 Hood River Police Department on June 19. The checks are funded and coordinated by the Hood River County Commission on Children and Families through a federal STOP grant.

The sales check resulted in an 83 percent compliance rate, which is slightly above the statewide average of 78 percent.

“Preventing alcohol sales to minors is a priority for the OLCC,” said Carl Lewis, East Metro Enforcement Unit Manager. “We encourage all licensees and permittees to take our free ID checking class every third Wednesday of the month at our Milwaukie headquarters office.”

Hood River County (6/19/10)		
83% Passed		
19 out of 23 Businesses Passed		
SAFeway STORE #1123 2249 CASCADE AVE HOOD RIVER, OR	HO HO RESTAURANT 1911 W CASCADE HOOD RIVER, OR	CATHEDRAL RIDGE WINERY 4200 POST CANYON DR HOOD RIVER, OR
COLUMBIA GORGE HOTEL 4000 WESTCLIFF DR HOOD RIVER, OR	FARM STAND IN THE GORGE 2035 12TH ST HOOD RIVER, OR	HOOD RIVER VINEYARDS 4693 WESTWOOD DR HOOD RIVER, OR
CELILO RESTAURANT & BAR 16 OAK ST HOOD RIVER, OR	SPRINGHOUSE CELLAR 13 RAILROAD AVE HOOD RIVER, OR	TRILLIUM CAFÉ 207 OAK AVE HOOD RIVER, OR
THE GORGE WHITE HOUSE 2265 HWY 35 HOOD RIVER, OR	WY EAST VINEYARDS 3189 HWY 35 HOOD RIVER, OR	TAQUERIA LOS AMIGOS 3409 ODELL HWY ODELL, OR
STONEHEDGE GARDENS 3405 CASCADE HOOD RIVER, OR	MT HOOD WINERY 2882 VAN HORN DR HOOD RIVER, OR	MARINA CHEVRON 949 E MARINA WAY HOOD RIVER, OR
RIVERFRONT 76 101 N 2ND HOOD RIVER, OR	CARNICERIA Y VERDURENIA LA MEXICANA 3409 ODELL HWY #B HOOD RIVER, OR	PASSPORT EXCHANGE 403 OAK ST HOOD RIVER, OR
RITE AID #5328 2049 W CASCADE HOOD RIVER, OR		

17% Failed		
4 out of 23 Businesses Failed		
HOOD RIVER GOLF & COUNRTY CLUB 1850 COUNTRY CLUB RD HOOD RIVER, OR	PHELPS CREEK WINERY 1850 COUNRTY CLUB RD HOOD RIVER, OR	MARCHESI VINEYARDS & WINERY 3955 BELMONT DR HOOD RIVER, OR
FOOD MART 2555 CASCADE AVE 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*
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/oregonliquorcontrolcommission/sets/72157624623539267/>)

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.