



News Release

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Three out of 8 Medford businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Medford, OR – Thirty-eight percent of Medford 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 21.

The sales check resulted in a 38 percent compliance rate, which is substantially lower than the statewide average of 78 percent.

“It is essential for licensees and their employees to check ID’s correctly,” said Jeff Jett, Medford Regional Manager. “Please remember, all licensees, permittees and clerks who sell alcohol must check the ID of anyone who visibly appears to be under the age of 26 to make sure that person is not a minor.”

Medford (7/21/10)		
38% Passed		
3 out of 8 Businesses Passed		
ABBY'S LEGENDARY PIZZA 11200 HWY 62 EAGLE POINT, OR	MIGUEL'S 10510 HWY 62 EAGLE POINT, OR	WAL MART 11500 HANNON RD EAGLE POINT, OR
62% Failed		
5 out of 8 Businesses Failed		
APPLE PEDDLER RESTAURANT #4 7405 HWY 62 WHITE CITY, OR	BOBBI O'S PIZZA 7581 CRATER LAKE HWY WHITE CITY, OR	EAGLE POINT LIQUOR STORE 11150 HWY 62 EAGLE POINT, OR
PURPLE PARROT #7 7326 HWY 62 WHITE CITY, OR	STOP N GO MARKET 2362 ANTELOPE RD WHITE CITY, 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.

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