



News Release

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Ten out of 11 Portland businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Portland, OR – Ninety-one percent of Portland 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 June 16.

The sales check resulted in a 91 percent compliance rate, which is above the statewide average of 78 percent.

“This is a good example of licensees and permittees checking ID’s properly,” said Carl Lewis, East Metro Enforcement Unit 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.”

Portland (6/16/10)		
91% Passed		
10 out of 11 Businesses Passed		
WALGREEN'S #06426 12335 NE GLISAN ST PORTLAND, OR	REFECTORY 1618 NE 122ND PORTLAND, OR	PLAID PANTRY #171 14090 NE SANDY BLVD PORTLAND, OR
COSTCO WHOLESALE #2 4849 NE 138TH PORTLAND, OR	102ND ST MARKET 4646 NE 102ND ST PORTLAND, OR	MARKET EXPRESS 10125 NE GLISAN PORTLAND, OR
108 BAR AND GRILL 10845 NE HALSEY ST PORTLAND, OR	ORIGINAL JOE'S 10200 NE HALSEY PORTLAND, OR	HOUR GLASS PUB & EATERY 7401 NE GLISAN PORTLAND, OR
NEW DEAL CAFÉ 5250 NE HALSEY PORTLAND, OR		
9% Failed		
1 out of 11 Businesses Failed		
GRESHAM ROCKWOOD LIQUOR STORE 7 NE 181ST AVE PORTLAND, 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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