



News Release

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Four out of seven Lake Oswego businesses pass OLCC checks for alcohol sales to minors

Lake Oswego, OR – Fifty-seven percent of the businesses checked in Lake Oswego for alcohol sales to minors passed by refusing to sell to the minor volunteers. The compliance check was performed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission on Dec. 1.

The 57 percent compliance rate was considerably below the 2009 statewide average of 79 percent.

“We want to encourage everyone who sell alcohol to spend an extra 15-30 seconds looking at the ID presented to know for certain that you aren’t selling alcohol to a minor,” said Janice Kindrick, West Metro Enforcement Manager. “We offer a free ID-checking class to teach licensees and their employees how to check IDs and how to spot fake IDs.”

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*

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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.

Lake Oswego, December 1

7 premises visited: 4 No Sales, 3 Sales – Compliance rate of 57%

<u>NO SALES:</u>	<u>NO SALES:</u>
FIREHOUSE PUB 23 A AVE LAKE OSWEGO	AZTECA MEXICAN RESTAURANT 4250 SW MARCANTILE DR LAKE OSWEGO
ZEPP 345 1ST BLDG F #105 LAKE OSWEGO	LAKE OSWEGO CHEVRON EXTRA MILE 15905 SW BOONES FERRY RD LAKE OSWEGO
<u>SALES:</u>	<u>SALES:</u>
LAKE OSWEGO MT PARK 4D MONROE PARKWAY LAKE OSWEGO	GUSTO BISTRO & MARKETPLACE 437 3RD ST LAKE OSWEGO
LAVANG RESTAURANT 17770 SW PILKINGTON RD LAKE OSWEGO	

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"Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service"

Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than \$343 million to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)