



News Release

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Bend businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Bend, OR – Seven out of 9 businesses in Bend passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales check was performed February 16 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The 78 percent compliance rate was slightly below the 2010 statewide average of 80 percent.

“Studies show that teens who drink alcohol are more likely to develop alcohol dependencies as adults,” said Katy Boyce, Bend Regional Manager. “It’s really important that we address minors’ access to alcohol. We all play a role in responsible drinking.”

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.

City of Bend

9 premises visited: 7 No Sales, 2 Sales – Compliance rate of 78%

<u>NO SALES:</u>	<u>NO SALES:</u>
PARKWAY DELI 1095 SE DIVISION BEND	PAPPY'S PIZZERIA 20265 MEYER DR BEND
SILVER MOON BREWING 24 NW GREENWOOD BEND	FAST MARKET 62980 N HWY 97 BEND
BEND BREWING CO 1019 BROOKS ST BEND	SEVEN NIGHTCLUB 1033 NW BOND BEND
THE OXFORD HOTEL 10 NW MINNESOTA AVE BEND	
<u>SALES:</u>	<u>SALES:</u>
SHARI'S OF SOUTH BEND 61135 S HWY 97 BEND	MCMENAMIN OLD ST FRANCIS SCHOOL 700 NW BOND BEND

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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.](#)