



News Release

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Four Oakridge businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Eugene, OR – Four out of 12 businesses in Oakridge passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales check was performed February 12 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The 33 percent compliance rate was significantly below the 2010 statewide average of 80 percent.

"Checking IDs properly is imperative in preventing minors from accessing alcohol," said Pete O'Rourke, Eugene Regional Manager. "Minor ID's have a red border on the outside of the picture with the words 'Minor Until' and their birth date. We offer a free ID checking class for folks who want to learn more, or just need a refresher."

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 licensed liquor businesses throughout the 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 Oakridge

12 premises visited: 4 No Sales, 8 Sales – Compliance rate of 33%

<u>NO SALES:</u>	<u>NO SALES:</u>
BIG MOUNTAIN PIZZA 47527 HWY 58 OAKRIDGE	LEE’S GOURMET GARDEN 47670 HWY 58 OAKRIDGE
BREWERS UNION LOCAL 180 48329 E 1ST STREET OAKRIDGE	CORNER BAR & GRILL 48292 E 1ST STREET OAKRIDGE
<u>SALES:</u>	<u>SALES:</u>
MOOSE LODGE #2191 48086 HWY 58 OAKRIDGE	CASCADE GENERAL STORE 47781 HWY 58 OAKRIDGE
THE TRAILHEAD COFFEE HOUSE 47434 HWY 58 OAKRIDGE	OAKRIDGE LIQUOR STORE 47778 HWY 58 OAKRIDGE
RASCALS MARKET 47393 HWY 58 OAKRIDGE	MAZATLAN MEXICAN RESTAURANT 47720 SCHOOL STREET OAKRIDGE
OAKRIDGE CHEVRON 47762 HWY 58 OAKRIDGE	RAY’S FOOD PLACE #50 48067 HWY 58 OAKRIDGE

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