



News Release

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Medford businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Medford, OR – Eight out of 11 businesses in Medford passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales check was performed March 23 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The 73 percent compliance rate was slightly below the 2010 statewide average of 80 percent.

“Studies show that underage binge drinking can have serious long-term affects like adult alcohol dependency,” said Jeff Jett, Medford Regional Manager. “It’s good that businesses are doing their part to keep alcohol out of the hands of minors.”

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 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.

Medford Region

11 premises visited: 8 No Sales, 3 Sales – Compliance rate of 73%.

<u>NO SALES:</u>	<u>NO SALES:</u>
CHINA HUT RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 450 S RIVERSIDE DR MEDFORD	ELK CITY MARKET 3338 N PACIFIC HWY MEDFORD
LITTLE MARKET 523 S CENTRAL MEDFORD	MINUTE MARKET #7 2521 TABLE ROCK RD MEDFORD
MINUTE MARKET #11 836 CRATER LAKE AVE MEDFORD	OK MARKET 1202 N RIVERSIDE MEDFORD
ORIGINAL ROADHOUSE GRILL 2699 JACKSONVILLE HWY MEDFORD	THE WHARF FRESH SEAFOOD MARKET 827 W JACKSON ST MEDFORD
<u>SALES:</u>	<u>SALES:</u>
HABANEROS MEXICAN RESTAURANT 142 N FRONT ST MEDFORD	OH'S OSAKA 123 S FRONT ST MEDFORD
THE WRANGLER BBQ & GRILL 1124 COURT ST MEDFORD	

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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.](#)