



News Release

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Benton and Lincoln County businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Eugene, OR – Eleven out of 14 businesses in Benton and Lincoln Counties passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales check was performed April 5 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The 79 percent compliance rate was consistent with the 2010 statewide average of 80 percent.

"We are entering Prom and Graduation season where teenage drinking and driving fatalities spike," said Pete O'Rourke, Eugene Regional Manager. "This is a time for teens to create safe and happy memories. It's really important for businesses to do 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 throughout the year. Licensees or their employees could 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.

Benton & Lincoln County

14 premises visited: 11 No Sales, 3 Sales – Compliance rate of 79%.

<u>NO SALES:</u>	<u>NO SALES:</u>
BLODGETT COUNTRY STORE S/S HWY 20 BLODGETT	BURNT WOODS STORE 25 HARLAN-BURNTWOODS RD BLODGETT
GREENBERRY STORE & TAVERN 29974 HWY 99W CORVALLIS	JACKSONS FOOD STORES #108 655 N ALBANY RD NW ALBANY
JOHN BOY’S ALSEA MERCANTILE 186 E MAIN ALSEA	KINGS VALLEY STORE 39088 KINGS VALLEY HWY MONMOUTH
R & R PUB AND GRUB 110 BURNT WOODS TRAIL RD BLODGETT	RFP FAMILY STORE 27678 HWY 99W CORVALLIS
THE PUB 2115 NE HWY 20 CORVALLIS	THE WOODSMAN 529 MAIN ST PHILOMATH
VILLAGE FOOD MART 6002 WILLIAM R CARR CORVALLIS	
<u>SALES:</u>	<u>SALES:</u>
ALPINE TAVERN 25200 ALPINE RD MONROE	CITY LIMITS 5800 HWY 99W CORVALLIS
COUNTRY MARKET & DELI 310 NW 53RD ST CORVALLIS	

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