



News Release

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Businesses in Lebanon and Sweet Home area pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Salem, OR – Fifteen out of 24 businesses in Lebanon and Sweet Home passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales check was performed May 24 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The 63 percent compliance rate was below the 2010 statewide average of 80 percent.

“Graduation season carries a high rate of alcohol-related traffic fatalities for teens,” said James Lynch, Salem Regional Manager. “This is an important milestone for many families. We want to make sure that their celebrations are fun and memorable for a long time to come.”

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.

Lebanon/Sweet Home Area

24 premises visited: 15 No Sales, 9 Sales – Compliance rate of 63%.

<u>NO SALES:</u>	<u>NO SALES:</u>
BOBO'S EATS & GROG 1765 MAIN ST LEBANON	LOS DOS AMIGOS HACIENDA 3103 MAIN ST SWEET HOME
BROWNSVILLE VIDEO 130 SPAULDING AVE BROWNSVILLE	MIDWAY GROCERY 3239 HWY 20 SWEET HOME
CIRCLE K STORE #1359 2405 HWY 20 SWEET HOME	OREGON MINI MART 2684 S SANTIAM HWY LEBANON
CRAWFORDSVILLE MARKET 38396 HWY 228 CRAWFORDSVILLE	RITE AID #5369 30 E OAK LEBANON
DARI MART STORE #24 220 S MAIN BROWNSVILLE	SAFEWAY STORE # 1558 1983 S SANTIAM HWY LEBANON
H & N CHEVRON 805 PARK ST LEBANON	SKYLINE INN 2425 MAIN ST SWEET HOME
JERRY'S CHEVRON 203 E BISHOP WAY BROWNSVILLE	SPEEDEE MART 1501 MAIN ST SWEET HOME
LINN LANES 2250 S MAIN RD LEBANON	
<u>SALES:</u>	<u>SALES:</u>
HILLTOP MARKET 4824 HWY 20 SWEET HOME	SWEET HOME THRIFTWAY 621 MAIN ST SWEET HOME
HOLLEY MARKET 40190 HWY 228 SWEET HOME	THE PIT STOP 3510 S SANTIAM HWY LEBANON
LAKESIDE MARKET & DELI 5401 HWY 20 SWEET HOME	WALGREENS #11399 3300 BURDELL BLVD LEBANON
SAFEWAY STORE #1710 1540 MAIN ST SWEET HOME	WAL-MART SUPERCENTER #1775 3290 S SANTIAM HWY LEBANON
SWEET HOME GAS & DELI 1810 MAIN ST SWEET HOME	

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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.](#)