



News Release

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50% of Ontario businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Bend, OR – Six out of 12 businesses visited in Ontario passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed July 29 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 50 percent which is significantly below the 2010 statewide average of 80 percent.

“Selling alcohol is a big responsibility,” said Katy Boyce, Bend Region Manager. “Taking an extra 30 seconds to really get a good look at the ID being presented can make a huge difference in keeping 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. The Oregon Driver license for a minor carries a red border around the picture with the words “Under 21 until” followed by the date of his/her 21st birthday.

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.

“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.](#)

Ontario

12 premises visited: 6 No Sales, 6 Sales – Compliance rate of 50%.

<u>NO SALES:</u>	<u>NO SALES:</u>
ALBERTSON'S #131 1420 W PARK PLAZA ONTARIO	RED APPLE 555 SW 4TH AVE ONTARIO
JACKSONS FOOD STORE #13 1779 E IDAHO AVE ONTARIO	RITE AID #5400 728 SW 4TH AVE ONTARIO
JNJ CORNER STORE EASTSIDE 330 E IDAHO AVE ONTARIO	FARMERS SUPPLY COOP 514 SW 4TH AVE ONTARIO
<u>SALES:</u>	<u>SALES:</u>
LOVE'S TRAVEL STOP #372 1041 NW WASHINGTON AVE ONTARIO	ONTARIO GROCERY OUTLET 2670 SW 4TH AVE ONTARIO
MALLARD GROCERY 797 N OREGON ONTARIO	PILOT TRAVEL CENTER #232 653 E IDAHO AVE ONTARIO
ONTARIO CHEVRON 1218 SW 4TH AVE ONTARIO	STOCKMAN'S MARKET 81 SW 1ST ST ONTARIO

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