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OLCC Inspectors Find Two Teenage Girls in a Downtown PDX Bar Who Had Snuck Away From A School Field Trip

Portland, OR – On Thursday, February 13, 2014, Oregon Liquor Control Commission inspectors took two teenage girls and a 22-year-old man into custody in Portland's Old Town. The two girls (ages 14 and 15) had snuck out of an overnight field trip with their school and tried to enter three Old Town bars before gaining access into a fifth bar with a 22-year-old man.

The two girls had been spotted by security personnel at a club in Old Town. When they couldn't produce identification, they then proceeded to three other neighboring clubs, where they were also denied entry. Out of concern, the first bar's bouncer contacted OLCC inspectors about the two very young-looking girls when he saw them leaving with a man after the third bar.



OLCC inspectors found the two girls and the 22-year-old man at Harlem, 220 SW Ankeny; where the girls were drinking alcohol supplied by the 22-year-old.

"These two young girls could have gotten themselves into a lot more trouble if the bouncer hadn't been proactive in contacting our inspectors to intervene," says OLCC Public Safety Director, John Eckhart. "We rely very heavily on our relationships with the businesses in Old Town to prevent this type of thing from happening."

The girls were cited with Minor in Possession, the 22-year-old was arrested for furnishing alcohol to minors, and the club will be charged administratively. The girls were released to school authorities at the scene.

OLCC inspectors work routinely with Portland Police, bouncers, and security in Old Town in an effort to keep alcohol out of the hands of minors.

For more information on Oregon's Alcohol Laws and Minors:
[http://www.oregon.gov/olcc/pages/alcohol_and_minors.aspx#Oregon's Alcohol Laws and Minors](http://www.oregon.gov/olcc/pages/alcohol_and_minors.aspx#Oregon's%20Alcohol%20Laws%20and%20Minors)

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