



News Release

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64% of businesses checked in Troutdale pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

PORTLAND, OR – Seven out of 11 businesses visited in Troutdale passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed April 12, 2014 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission in conjunction with the Troutdale Police Department.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 64 percent which is below the 2013 statewide average of 84 percent.

“Good ID checking habits not only prevent alcohol sales to minors, but they also help protect the server or clerk from legal liabilities down the road,” says Shannon Hoffeditz, OLCC Portland Regional Manager. “We teach a free ID-checking class to give folks the tools they need to make sure they don’t sell alcohol to 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

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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 “Minor 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.

Minor Decoy Operation

April 12, 2014

Troutdale

11 premises visited: 7 No Sales, 4 Sales – Compliance rate of 64%

<p><u>NO SALES</u> A SHOT IN THE DARK LLC 2517 SW CHERRY PARK RD TROUTDALE</p> <p>GODFATHER'S PIZZA SW CHERRY PARK RD TROUTDALE</p> <p>RISTORANTE DI POMPELLO 177 E COLUMBIA RIVER HWY TROUTDALE</p> <p>SIAM SUSHI RESTAURANT E HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HWY TROUTDALE</p>	<p><u>NO SALES</u> TROUTINI 101 W HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HWY TROUTDALE</p> <p>WU'S GARDEN 2507 SW CHERRY PARK RD 3C TROUTDALE</p> <p>YE OLDE PUB 202 W HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HWY TROUTDALE</p>
<p><u>SALES</u> BREWLI GANS 275 E COLUMBIA RIVER HWY TROUTDALE</p> <p>EL TAPATIO MEXICAN RESTAURANT VII 2441 SW CHERRY PARK RD TROUTDALE</p>	<p><u>SALES</u> GARDEN VILLAGE CHINESE RESTAURANT 24697 SE STARK TROUTDALE</p> <p>LA COSTITA RESTAURANT 25627 SE STARK ST TROUTDALE</p>

"Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service"

*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than \$397 million to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs?
[See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)*

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