



# News Release

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## Sixteen out of 19 Deschutes County businesses pass OLCC minor sales check

**Bend, OR** – Sixteen out of 19 businesses in Deschutes County passed a check for alcohol sales to minors on Feb. 19. The 84 percent passing rate is well above the 2008 state average of 78 percent.

“Underage binge drinking can lead to alcohol dependency as adults,” said Jason Evers, OLCC Bend Regional Manager. “Knowing the long-term effects of a sale to a minor can make servers and clerks think twice before making that sale. Having only three places that failed is very encouraging.”

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 about 1,400 licensed liquor businesses each year. Licensees or their employees can be held liable for alcohol-related damages and injuries if they serve or sell alcohol to a minor.

The following licensees were tested and passed the compliance check: **Bi-Mart #641**, 1727 Odem Medo Rd., Redmond; **Doozy’s**, 1729 Odem Medo Rd., Redmond; **The Buggy Stop**, 1340 N. Hwy 97, Redmond; **Tesoro Moe’s Payless Foodmart**, 516 SW 5<sup>th</sup> St., Redmond; **US Market #190**, 1242 SW Highland Ave., Redmond; **Broken Top Club**, 62000 Broken Top Drive, Bend; **Eagle Crest Resort**, 1522 Cline Falls Rd., Redmond; **Baldy’s Barbeque**, 235 SW Century Dr., Bend; **The Gallimaufry**, 111 W. Cascade, Sisters; **Ray’s Food Place #45**, 635 N. Arrowleaf, Sisters; **Scoots Bar & Grill**, 175 N. Larch St., Sisters; **Albertson’s #589**, 1655 SW Odem Medo Wy, Redmond; **Sassy’s Café**, 3113 S. Hwy 97 #105, Redmond; **The Fan**, 413 W. Glacier Ave., Redmond; **Rumors**, 250 SW 6<sup>th</sup> St., Redmond; and **Fireside Lounge**, 343 NW 6<sup>th</sup> St., Redmond.

The following licensees were tested and failed the compliance check: **Farmer John’s Produce**, 64678 Cook Ave., Bend; **Westside One Stop Chevron**, 1353 SW Highland Ave., Redmond; and **Rancho Viejo**, 150 E. Cascade Ave., Sisters.

Servers, bartenders and licensees whose employees sell alcohol to the minor or do not verify the minor’s age, are subject to OLCC administrative penalties including fines or suspensions. Store clerks who sell can be cited with criminal charges and a minimum \$350 fine.

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.

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.

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 and do not disguise their age or lie to encourage the sale of alcohol.

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