



News Release

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OLCC checks for alcohol sales to minors in Lincoln City

Portland, OR – The Oregon Liquor Control Commission performed alcohol sales checks to minors in Lincoln City on July 2.

Lincoln City had a 78 percent compliance rate with seven out of nine businesses passing. OLCC and the Lincoln City Police Department performed the minor sales check. The compliance rate was consistent with the 2008 statewide average of 78 percent.

“Binge drinking can cause serious damage to a teen’s still developing brain,” said Pete O’Rourke, Eugene Regional Manager. “Oregon’s store clerks and servers play a critical role in keeping alcohol out of minors’ hands.”

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 1,800 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.

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.

Lincoln City		
78% Passed compliance check:		
RITE AID #5371 4041 LOGAN RD.	SHELL 505 4031 NW HWY 101	KENNY’S IGA FOODLINER 2429 NW HWY 101
NORTH MARKET 76 466 NE HWY 101	US MARKET #155 3327 NW HWY 101	MCKAY’S PRICE N’ PRIDE 801 SW HWY 101 #104
SHELL 504 1410 SE HWY 101		
22% Failed compliance check:		
SPACE AGE FUEL 565 SW HWY 101	US SMOKE SHOP 1800 SE HWY 101 #B	

