



# News Release

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## **OLCC checks for alcohol sales to minors in Vale, Huntington & Adrian**

**Portland, OR** – The Oregon Liquor Control Commission performed alcohol sales checks to minors in Burns on July 25.

Nine out of 11 businesses passed the check by refusing to sell alcohol to minors. The 82 percent compliance rate was above the 2008 statewide average of 78 percent.

“Underage drinking causes all sorts of problems like adult alcohol dependency, adult depression and damage to a teen’s still-developing brain,” said Linda Ignowski, Regulatory Director.

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.

### Businesses that passed:

**A Street Tavern**, 170 “A” St., Vale

**Candy’s Corner Market**, 120 E. Washington St.,  
Huntington

**Chabelita’s Taqeria**, 148 West A St., Vale

**Farmer’s Supply Co Op**, 150 Glenn St., Vale

**Grady’s Tavern**, 20 E. Washington St.,  
Huntington

**Howell’s Café & Streamliner Lounge**, 40 & 50  
E. Washington St., Huntington

**Logan’s Market**, 250 10<sup>th</sup> St. N, Vale

**Sagebrush Saloon & BBQ**, 197 A. St. E, Vale

**Whistle**, 293 Washington St. W., Vale

**Joy Travel Plaza**, 5945 Hwy 30, Huntington

**Liquor Store**, 165 1<sup>st</sup> St. E, Huntington

### Businesses that failed:

**Fletcher’s Sinclair**, 151 N. Smith St., Vale

**Mirage**, 605 1<sup>st</sup> St., Adrian

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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