



News Release

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89% of Columbia County businesses pass OLCC minor sales checks

Portland, OR – Twenty five out of 28 Columbia County businesses pass an Oregon Liquor Control Commission check for alcohol sales to minors Oct. 15.

The 89 percent compliance rate was well above the 2008 statewide average of 78 percent.

“It’s great to see licensees checking IDs properly,” said Janice Kindrick, Metro Regional Enforcement Manager. “Each time we get great results like these, licensees are doing their part to keep alcohol out of the hands of 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 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.

Columbia County Minor Sales Check, October 15, 2009 89% Passed compliance check:		
LUNG FUNG CHINESE RESTAURANT 52595 S COLUMBIA RVR HWY SCAPPOOSE, OR	COLUMBIA TAVERN 467 COLUMBIA BLVD ST HELENS, OR	RITE AID #5333 785 S COLUMBIA BLVD ST HELENS, OR
MARK'S ON THE CHANNEL 34326 JOHNSON LANDING RD #17 SCAPPOOSE, OR	DOCKSIDE STEAK & PASTA 343 S 1 ST ST HELENS, OR	SAFEWAY STORE #424 795 S COLUMBIA RVR HWY ST HELENS, OR
OLD TOWN CAFÉ & ESPRESSO 52490 SE 2 ND ST SCAPPOOSE, OR	JOHNNY'S TAVERN 1750 OLD PORTLAND RD ST HELENS, OR	SKINNY'S TEXACO 353 S COLUMBIA RVR HWY ST HELENS, OR
ROSE VALLEY MARKET 33666 E COLUMBIA SCAPPOOSE, OR	OREGON TRAIL LANES 735 S COLUMBIA RVR HWY ST HELENS, OR	ST HELENS CHEVRON FOOD MART 115 N HWY 30 ST HELENS, OR
THE WAYSIDE INN 50316 S COLUMBIA RVR HY SCAPPOOSE, OR	PASTIME TAVERN 2019 COLUMBIA BLVD ST HELENS, OR	EXXON FOODMART 51883 S COLUMBIA RVR HWY SCAPPOOSE, OR

LONGFELLOW'S INN 52535 N COLUMBIA RVR HY SCAPPOOSE, OR	PLANTATION HOUSE PIZZA 298 S 1 ST ST HELENS, OR	FRED MEYER 51501 S COLUMBIA RVR HWY SCAPPOOSE, OR
SCAPPOOSE GROCERY OUTLET 52115 CHINOOK WY SCAPPOOSE, OR	JACKSONS #510 33558 HAVLIK DR SCAPPOOSE, OR	ICHABOD'S RESTAURANT 52049 S COLUMBIA RVR HWY SCAPPOOSE, OR
SCAPPOOSE MARKET 32284 SCAPPOOSE- VERNONIA HWY SCAPPOOSE, OR	VARSITY BAR & GRILL 52001 S COLUMBIA RVR HWY SCAPOOSE, OR	IXTAPA SCAPPOOSE 33452 HAVLIK RD SCAPPOOSE, OR
WIGWAM TAVERN 52499 S COLUMBIA RVR HWY SCAPPOOSE, OR		
11% Failed compliance check:		
ROADRUNNER GAS & GROCERY 52023 S COLUMBIA RVR HWY SCAPPOOSE, OR	KLONDIKE RESTAURANT & BAR 71 COLITZ ST ST HELENS, OR	KOZY KORNER RESTAURANT & BAR 371 COLUMBIA BLVD ST HELENS, OR

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. (*Samples of OR Driver Licenses for minor and adult attached*)

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.