



News Release

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Sixteen out of 20 businesses in Lebanon pass OLCC checks for alcohol sales to minors

Lebanon, OR – Eighty percent of businesses in the Lebanon area checked for alcohol sales to minors passed by refusing to sell to the minor volunteers. The compliance check was performed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission Jan. 22.

The 80 percent compliance rate was consistent with the 2008 statewide average of 78 percent.

“The OLCC wants to see businesses be successful by understanding and following liquor laws and keeping customers and the community safe,” said James Lynch, Salem Regional Manager. “We offer a free ID checking class to help licensees and their employees prevent alcohol sales to minors.”

Lebanon (1/22/10)		
80% Passed		
GAMETIME SPORTSBAR & GRILL 3130 S SANTIAM HWY LEBANON, OR	KNOTHOLE MARKET 2412 S SANTIAM HWY LEBANON, OR	LEBANON MARKET 1695 MAIN ST LEBANON, OR
LEBANON MEGA FOODS 1950 MAIN ST LEBANON, OR	OREGON MINI MART 2684 S SANTIAM HWY LEBANON, OR	SHARI'S OF LEBANON 2650 S SANTIAM HWY LEBANON, OR
CIRCLE K STORE #1359 2405 HWY 20 SWEET HOME, OR	SPEEDEE MART 1501 MAIN ST SWEET HOME, OR	US MINI MART 890 MAIN SWEET HOME, OR
PEPPERS DELI 2752 S SANTIAM HWY LEBANON, OR	BOHEMIAN CLUB TAVERN 1025 LONG ST SWEET HOME, OR	XTAPA FAMILY MEXICAN RESTAURANT 25 N SANTIAM HWY LEBANON, OR
SUM YAN CHINESE RESTAURANT 1060 S MAIN ST LEBANON, OR	WOODY'S BAR & GRILL 10 W 1ST HALSEY, OR	THE LAST FRONTIER 1234 MAIN ST SWEET HOME, OR
SAFEWAY STORE #1710 1540 MAIN ST SWEET HOME, OR		
20% Failed		
LOS DOS AMIGOS HACIENDA 3103 MAIN ST SWEET HOME, OR	BI-MART #665 2680 S SANTIAM HWY LEBANON, OR	JACK'S MARKET 590 TANGENT ST LEBANON, OR

TAQUERIA DOS ARBOLITOS 590 MAIN ST LEBANON, OR		
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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.

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.

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.

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