



News Release

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Nine out of 11 businesses in Hood River County pass OLCC and Hood River Co. Sheriff's Dept. checks for alcohol sales to minors

Hood River, OR – Eighty two percent of the businesses checked in Hood River County 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 and Hood River County Sheriff's Department Feb. 26. The checks were supported through a coalition of the Hood River County Commission on Children and Families, Hood River Sheriff's Office and the Hood River Police Department.

The 82 percent compliance rate was above the 2008 statewide average of 78 percent.

"It is so important for licensees and their employees to check ID's correctly," said Carl Lewis, Regional Enforcement Manager. "By taking a little longer to get a good look at the ID being presented, clerks and servers are protecting themselves and the community."

Hood River County (2/26/10)		
82% Passed		
EGG HARBOR CAFÉ 1313 OAK ST HOOD RIVER, OR	GROUND 12 OAK ST HOOD RIVER, OR	ALPENSTUBE (MT HOOD MEADOWS) US 35, 2.5 MILES FROM GOV. CAMP MT. HOOD, OR
COOPER SPUR MOUNTAIN RESORT 10755 COOPER SPUR RD MT. HOOD, OR	ELLIOT GLACIER PUBLIC HOUSE 4945 BASELINE RD PARKDALE, OR	THREE RIVERS GRILL 601 OAK ST HOOD RIVER, OR
CELILO RESTAURANT 16 OAK ST HOOD RIVER, OR	ORCHARDS LANES BOWLING CENTER 1141 TUCKER RD HOOD RIVER, OR	BOYS PINE GROVE GROCERY 2375 HWY 35 HOOD RIVER, OR
18% Failed		
THE PINES 202 STATE ST HOOD RIVER, OR	MICHOACAN SPORTS BAR & GRILL 3405 ODELL HWY HOOD RIVER, OR	

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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