



# News Release

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## **Sixteen out of 23 businesses in St. Helens pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors**

**Portland, OR** – Seventy percent of businesses in St. Helens that were checked April 9 passed by refusing to sell alcohol to the minor volunteers. The compliance check was performed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a 70 percent compliance rate, which is slightly below the statewide average of 78 percent.

“The OLCC wants to work with businesses to keep alcohol out of the hands of minors,” said Janice Kindrick, Regional Enforcement Manager. “When licensees are checking ID correctly, they are playing a huge role in keeping the public and neighborhoods safe.”

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. 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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*“Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service”*

<b>St. Helens (4/09/10)</b>		
<b>70% Passed</b>		
<b>16 out of 23 Businesses Passed</b>		
SAFEWAY #424 795 S COLUMBIA RIVER HWY ST HELENS, OR	WAL-MART STORE #2422 2295 GABLE RD ST HELENS, OR	ST HELENS CHEVRON FOOD MART 115 N COLUMBIA RIVER HWY ST HELENS, OR
OREGON TRAIL LANES 115 N COLUMBIA RIVER HWY ST HELENS, OR	ST HELENS RED APPLE 1111 COLUMBIA BLVD ST HELENS, OR	TEKILA WILLIE'S 2098 OLD PORTLAND RD ST HELENS, OR
VILLAGE INN 535 S COLUMBIA RIVER HWY ST HELENS, OR	KLONDIKE RESTAURANT & BAR 71 COWLITZ STREET ST HELENS, OR	KOZY KORNER RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 371 COLUMBIA BLVD ST HELENS, OR
HAWAIIAN ISLAND CAFÉ & CATERING 295 STRAND ST ST HELENS, OR	BING'S RESTAURANT 58209 S COLUMBIA RIVER HWY ST HELENS, OR	DOCKSIDE STEAK & PIZZA 343 S 1ST ST HELENS, OR
EL TAPATIO 2105 COLUMBIA BLVD ST HELENS, OR	GEPETTO'S ICE CREAM GELATO & CANDY 261 S 1ST ST HELENS, OR	PASTIME TAVERN 2019 COLUMBIA BLVD ST HELENS, OR
PLANTATION HOUSE PIZZA 298 S 1ST ST HELENS, OR		
<b>30% Failed</b>		
<b>7 out of 23 Businesses Failed</b>		
COLUMBIA TAVERN 467 COLUMBIA BLVD ST HELENS, OR	SUNSHINE PIZZA EXCHANGE 2124 COLUMBIA BLVD ST HELENS, OR	RITE AID #5333 785 S COLUMBIA RIVER HWY ST HELENS, OR
SHELL ONE STOP 745 S COLUMBIA RIVER HWY ST HELENS, OR	COLUMBIA FAST SERVE 373 S COLUMBIA RIVER HWY ST HELENS, OR	WALGREENS #10056 175 S COLUMBIA RIVER HWY ST HELENS, OR
SHERLOCK'S GROCERY 155 N VERNONIA RD ST HELENS, OR		