



News Release

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Seventeen out of 26 Salem area businesses pass OLCC and Yamhill County Sheriff's Office check for alcohol sales to minors

Salem, OR – Sixty-five percent of Salem businesses that were checked for alcohol sales to minors passed by refusing to sell to underage volunteers. The compliance check was performed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and Yamhill County Sheriff's Office on June 6.

The sales check resulted in a 65 percent compliance rate, which is lower than the statewide average of 78 percent.

"Preventing alcohol sales to minors is a priority for the OLCC," said James Lynch, Salem Regional Manager. "Please remember, all clerks who sell alcohol must check the ID of anyone who visibly appears to be under the age of 26 to make sure that person is not a minor."

Salem (6/5/10)		
65% Passed		
17 out of 26 Businesses Passed		
SHERIDAN BILL'S MARKET 836 E MAIN ST SHERIDAN, OR	TJ'S SUPPERETTE 129 W MAIN ST SHERIDAN, OR	THE HORSE RADISH 211 W MAIN ST CARLTON, OR
TRASK MOUNTAIN OUTPOST 195 W MAIN ST YAMHILL, OR	WILLAMINA LIQUOR STORE 212 NE MAIN ST WILLAMINA, OR	AMITY FOODS & COFFEE HOUSE 615 TRADE ST AMITY, OR
AMITY MARKET 520 S TRADE ST AMITY, OR	ASABACHE MEXICAN RESTAURANT 518 S BRIDGE ST SHERIDAN, OR	CENTER MARKET # 5 180 NE MAIN ST WILLAMINA, OR
CENTER MARKET # 6 901 FERRY ST DAYTON, OR	COYOTE JOE'S 142 MAIN ST WILLAMINA, OR	SHERIDAN PIZZA CO 128 S BRIDGE ST SHERIDAN, OR
SHERIDAN SELECT MARKET 135 S BRIDGE ST SHERIDAN, OR	MIKE'S PLACE 306 FERRY STREET DAYTON, OR	DILLION'S BAR & GRILL 161-181 NE MAIN ST WILLAMINA, OR
LEE'S GARDEN 119 E MAIN ST SHERIDAN, OR	MAIN STREET MARKET & DELI 208 W MAIN ST CARLTON, OR	

35% Failed		
9 out of 26 Businesses Failed		
3RD STREET PIZZA COMPANY 282 NE MAIN ST WILLAMINA, OR	BENNY HUIE'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 209 S BRIDGE ST SHERIDAN, OR	CAMINO REAL FAMILY RESTAURANT 308 TRADE ST S AMITY, OR
HALL'S CHEVRON 402 TRADE ST AMITY, OR	PIED PIPER PUB 325 W MAIN ST CARLTON, OR	WILDWOOD CAFÉ 150 NE MAIN ST WILLAMINA, OR
WILLAMINA THRIFTWAY 112 W MAIN ST WILLAMINA, OR	YAMHILL SHELL FOOD MART 585 N MAPLE ST YAMHILL, OR	SHERIDAN LIQUOR STORE 103 E MAIN ST SHERIDAN, 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*
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/oregonliquorcontrolcommission/sets/72157624623539267/>)

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.