



# News Release

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## Coos County businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

**Medford, OR** – Nine out of 10 businesses in Coos County passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales check was performed February 16 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The 90 percent compliance rate was well above the 2010 statewide average of 80 percent.

"These are the kinds of results we like to see when we check for alcohol sales to minors," said Jeff Jett, Medford Regional Manager. "This is what happens when businesses 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.

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.

**Coos County – Coquille, Lakeside & Myrtle Point**  
 10 premises visited: 9 No Sales, 1 Sale – Compliance rate of 90%

<b><u>NO SALES:</u></b>	<b><u>NO SALES:</u></b>
KOZY KITCHEN 531 8TH ST MYRTLE POINT	MCKAY'S MARKET 418 8TH ST MYRTLE POINT
LAKESHORE LODGE 290 S 8TH ST LAKESIDE	MCKAY'S MARKET 400 N CENTRAL COQUILLE
DENNY'S PIZZA 98 E FIRST ST COQUILLE	COQUILLE VALLEY BOWLING CENTER HC 83 BOX 195 COQUILLE
MCKAY'S MARKET 200 S 8TH ST LAKESIDE	T'REE ACRES 72327 HWY 101 LAKESIDE
OSPREY POINT RV RESORT 1505 N LAKE RD LAKESIDE	
<b><u>SALES:</u></b>	<b><u>SALES:</u></b>
COQUILLE VALLEY PRODUCE & DELI 454 E HWY 42 COQUILLE	

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*"Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service"*

*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than \$343 million to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)*