



News Release

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North Bend and Coos Bay businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Medford, OR – Twelve out of 14 businesses in North Bend and Coos Bay passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales check was performed January 18 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and Coos Bay Police Department.

The 86 percent compliance rate was above the 2010 statewide average of 80 percent.

“Taking the time to check ID, and getting a good look at the ID can make a big difference in preventing a sale to a minor,” said Jeff Jett, Medford Regional Manager. “We’re always happy when the businesses we work with do 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.

North Bend and Coos Bay

14 premises visited: 12 No Sales, 2 Sales – Compliance rate of 86%

<u>NO SALES:</u>	<u>NO SALES:</u>
SAFEWAY STORE #1557 1735 VIRGINIA NORTH BEND	TINY TAVERN 1971 UNION NORTH BEND
SMITH'S BAYWAY MARKET 325 S BROADWAY COOS BAY	BAYSHORE CHEVRON 600 N BAYSHORE COOS BAY
BI-MART #607 2131 NEWMARK NORTH BEND	GOONEY'S SPORTS BAR 3290 OCEAN BLVD COOS BAY
HUMBOLDT CLUB 2056 SHERMAN AVE NORTH BEND	KUM YON'S RESTAURANT 835 S BROADWAY COOS BAY
LUCKY STAR RESTAURANT 3480 TREMONT NORTH BEND	MCKAY'S MARKET 149 S CENTRAL COOS BAY
OCAMPO'S BLUE MOON REST 871 S BROADWAY COOS BAY	RITE AID #5379 2040 BROADWAY NORTH BEND
<u>SALES:</u>	<u>SALES:</u>
GINO'S PIZZA INN 1324 VIRGINIA NORTH BEND	CICCARELLI'S RESTAURANT 2076 SHERMAN AVE NORTH BEND

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