



News Release

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Sandy area businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Portland, OR – Twelve out of 14 businesses in the Sandy area passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales check was performed April 15 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

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

"Prom and graduation are the start to the summer season which has the highest number of underage drinking and driving fatalities," said Carl Lewis, Regional Enforcement Manager. "We want these events to be full of happy memories for teens. When businesses are checking ID, they are helping minors celebrate their milestones safely."

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 licensed liquor businesses throughout the year. Licensees or their employees could 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.

Sandy area minor sales check

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

<u>NO SALES:</u>	<u>NO SALES:</u>
7-Eleven Store # 2363-25840F 39695 Proctor Blvd Sandy	Sandy 76 39535 Proctor Ave Sandy
Green Food Mart 28190 SE Hwy 212 Boring	Sandy River Brewery & Public House 38773 Proctor Blvd Unit B Sandy
Joe's 6 Pak Market 38922 Pioneer Blvd Sandy	Safeway Store #782 37601 Hwy 26 Sandy
Leathers Sandy Shell #51 38422 Proctor Blvd Sandy	The Beer Den 38905 Proctor Blvd Sandy
McCall's Country Store 28087 SE Hwy 212 Boring	Tollgate Inn Mercantile 38050 Hwy 26 Sandy
Plaid Pantry #121 38260 Pioneer Blvd Sandy	Trout Pub Family Restaurant 39333 Proctor Blvd Sandy
<u>SALES:</u>	<u>SALES:</u>
Sandy Liquor Store 38755 Pioneer Blvd Sandy	Walgreens #10137 38241 Proctor Blvd Sandy

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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.](#)