



News Release

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Businesses in Bend and Redmond pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Bend, OR – Eight out of 11 businesses visited on May 17 and 5 out of 9 businesses visited on May 13 passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check on May 13 resulted in a compliance rate of 56 percent which was significantly below the 2010 statewide average of 80 percent. The May 17th sales check had a 73 percent compliance rate, only slightly below the statewide average.

“Teens have so much on their minds right now with high school graduations and making plans for summer vacation,” said Katy Boyce, Bend Regional Manager. “When businesses are refusing to sell alcohol to minors, they are eliminating one more way for teens to get access to alcoholic beverages.”

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. The Oregon Driver license for a minor carries a red border around the picture with the words “Under 21 until” followed by the date of his/her 21st birthday.

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.

“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.](#)

Bend & Redmond

May 13, 2011

9 premises visited: 5 No Sales, 4 Sales – Compliance rate of 56%.

<u>NO SALES:</u>	<u>NO SALES:</u>
Cross Creek Café 507 SW 8th St #B Redmond	Super Burrito 1133 NW Wall St #101 Bend
Gatsby's Brasserie 163 NW Minnesota Ave Bend	Tumble Inn 631 SW 6th St Redmond
Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant 63455 N Hwy 97 Bend	
<u>SALES:</u>	<u>SALES:</u>
Long Board Louies 1254 NW Galveston Bend	Summit Saloon and Stage 125 NW Oregon Ave Bend
Redmond Liquor Store South Odem Medo Road Redmond	Thai O Restaurant 974 SW Veterans Way #1 Redmond

Bend

May 17, 2011

11 premises visited: 8 No Sales, 3 Sales – Compliance rate of 73%.

<u>NO SALES:</u>	<u>NO SALES:</u>
900 WALL 900 NW WALL BEND	GREG'S GRILL 395 SW POWERHOUSE DR BEND
ANTHONY'S HOMEPOR 475 SW POWERHOUSE DR BEND	JC'S BAR AND GRILL 642 NW FRANKLIN AVE BEND
CASCADE INDOOR SPORTS 20775 HIGH DESERT LN BEND	MT BACHELOR VILLAGE RESORT 19717 MT BACHELOR DR BEND
GOOD DROP WINE SHOP 141 NW MINNESOTA AVE BEND	ROUND TABLE PIZZA OF BEND 1552 NE 3RD ST BEND
<u>SALES:</u>	<u>SALES:</u>
BIG ISLAND KONA MIX PLATE 680 SW POWERHOUSE DR #1004 BEND	SAGE CAFÉ 2762 NW CROSSING #102 BEND
MCMENAMINS OLD ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL 700 NW BOND BEND	