



News Release

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77% of businesses checked in Cottage Grove pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Eugene, OR – Thirteen out of 17 businesses visited in Cottage Grove passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed March 26 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 77 percent which is below the 2012 statewide average of 81 percent.

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

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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 "Minor 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.

Minor Decoy Operation

MARCH 26, 2013

COTTAGE GROVE

17 premises visited: 13 No Sales, 4 Sales – Compliance rate of 77%

<p>NO SALES SEVEN STAR STORES 1220 HWY 99 N COTTAGE GROVE</p> <p>COTTAGE GROVE LIQUOR STORE 1785 E MAIN ST #3 COTTAGE GROVE</p> <p>THE PINK HOUSE 1408 E MAIN ST COTTAGE GROVE</p> <p>SCARPELLI'S SHORT STOP 911 E MAIN ST COTTAGE GROVE</p> <p>BUSTER'S MAIN STREET CAFÉ 811 E MAIN ST COTTAGE GROVE</p> <p>PINOCCHIO'S PIZZA 1795 E MAIN ST COTTAGE GROVE</p> <p>EASTSIDE MARKET 3075 ROW RIVER COTTAGE GROVE</p>	<p>NO SALES KING'S CHINESE RESTAURANT 1435 HWY 99 N COTTAGE GROVE</p> <p>CAFÉ SHEILAGH 1043 HWY 99 N #C COTTAGE GROVE</p> <p>GREAT WESTERN PUB SPORTS BAR & GRILL 802 WHITEAKER AVE COTTAGE GROVE</p> <p>THE COTTAGE BOWL 740 ROW RIVER RD COTTAGE GROVE</p> <p>STACY'S COVERED BRIDGE RESTAURANT 401 MAIN ST COTTAGE GROVE</p> <p>WAL-MART STORE #2320 901 ROW RIVER RD COTTAGE GROVE</p>
<p>SALES GATEWAY TO INDIA RESTAURANT 166 GATEWAY BLVD COTTAGE GROVE</p> <p>BOHEMIAN TAVERN 48 N 9TH COTTAGE GROVE</p>	<p>SALES BIG STUFF BARBECUE 733 E MAIN ST COTTAGE GROVE</p> <p>COTTAGE DELI 605 S FIFTH ST COTTAGE GROVE</p>

"Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service"

*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than \$370 million to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs?
[See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)*

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