



News Release

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72% of Albany businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Portland, OR – Oregon Liquor Control Commission inspectors checked 21 Albany businesses for alcohol sales to minors Friday, May 15. Fifteen of the businesses passed the check, refusing to sell alcohol to the minor volunteer.

The 72 percent compliance rate is slightly below the 2008 statewide average of 78 percent.

“Underage drinking is a serious issue in our state,” said James Lynch, Salem Regional Manager. “Oregon’s healthy teen survey shows that more eighth graders are drinking alcohol than before. We encourage anyone with a liquor license to request the free ID checking class the OLCC offers to brush up on their ID checking skills.” Licensees or their employees can be held liable for alcohol-related damages and injuries if they serve or sell alcohol to a minor.

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.

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.

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 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.

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Albany		
72% Passed compliance check:		
CASCADE GRILL & BAR 110 OPAL CT NE ALBANY, OR	7-ELEVEN STORE #2363-21911C 6190 PACIFIC BLVD SW ALBANY, OR	DISCOUNT CIGARETTES 2850 SANTIAM HWY SE ALBANY, OR
CIRCLE K STORE #1153 333 34 TH AVE SE ALBANY, OR	7-ELEVEN STORE #2363-23216B 1815 QUEEN AVE SE ALBANY, OR	ELMER’S BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER 2802 SANTIAM HWY ALBANY, OR
COOPER’S 1917 PACIFIC BLVD SE ALBANY, OR	ALBERTSON’S #555 1177 WAVERLY DR SE ALBANY, OR	IN & OUT MARKET 1737 SALEM AVE SE ALBANY, OR

JP'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 220 SW 2 ND AVE ALBANY, OR	LOS TEQUILAS 2525 SANTIAM HWY ALBANY, OR	POP'S BRANDING IRON 901 PACIFIC BLVD SE ALBANY, OR
US MARKET #180 1709 HILL ST ALBANY, OR	THE BEANERY 1852 FESCUE ST SE ALBANY, OR	RITE AID #5365 1235 WAVERLY DR SE ALBANY, OR
<u>28% Failed compliance check:</u>		
ALBANY SHOP N KART 2000 QUEEN SE ALBANY, OR	GROCERY OUTLET OF ALBANY 1950 SE 14 TH AVE ALBANY, OR	SZABO'S STEAK & SEAFOOD 222 SW WASHINGTON ST ALBANY, OR
FASTBREAK MARKET 1203 CENTURY DR NE ALBANY, OR	JACK'S TRUCK STOP 4196 SANTIAM HWY SE ALBANY, OR	TRI VALLEY FOOD MART 2703 SANTIAM HWY SE ALBANY, OR