



News Release

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83% of Coos County businesses pass OLCC minor sales checks

Coos Bay, OR – Thirty-three out of 40 businesses in the Coos County passed Oregon Liquor Control Commission minor sales checks on July 9, 10.

The 83 percent compliance rate is well above the 2008 statewide average of 78 percent.

“Research shows that teenage drinking can lead to alcohol dependency as adults,” said Jeff Jett, Director of Enforcement. “There’s no question how important it is to stop underage drinking. Oregon’s store clerks and servers play a key role in keeping alcohol out of minors’ hands.”

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.

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.

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.

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Coos County (7/09/09)		
88% Passed compliance check:		
McKay's Market 118 8th St. Myrtle Point	Safeway Store #1556 230 E. Johnson Coos Bay	Mak's Old City Hall Lounge 375 Central Ave. #202 Coos Bay
Highway Deli Mart 415 8th St. Myrtle Point	Humboldt Club 2056 Sherman Ave. North Bend	Bayshore Chevron 600 N. Bayshore Dr. Coos Bay
Safeway Store #4287 725 Ash St. Myrtle Point	Safeway Store #1557 1735 Virginia North Bend	Bar Wench 635-645 Virginia Ave. North Bend
Dee's Food Store 801 Ash St. Myrtle Point	Albertson's #526 2121 Newmark North Bend	Walmart Supercenter #1880 2051 Newmark Ave. Coos Bay
Fred Meyer 1020 S. First Coos Bay	7-Eleven Store #2363-17090C 1075 Newmark Coos Bay	Bassett-Hyland Energy Co. 1059 Evans Blvd. Coos Bay
12% Failed compliance check:		
Steel Penny Saloon 638 Spruce St. Myrtle Point	Gooney's Sports Bar 3290 Ocean Blvd. Coos Bay	

Coos County (7/10/09)		
83% Passed compliance check:		
Outdoor In 305 S 4th St. Coos Bay	Ashworth's Market 1585 Sherman Ave. North Bend	Rite Aid #5379 2040 Broadway St. North Bend
Bi-Mart #607 2131 Newmark North Bend	Tiny Tavern 1971 Union Rd. North Bend	Sizzler 3390 Broadway North Bend
McKay's Market 149 S. Central Ave. Coos Bay	Gino's Pizza Inn 1324 Virginia North Bend	El Sol Mexican Restaurant 63058 Hwy 101 Coos Bay
Coney Station #1 295 S. Broadway Coos Bay	7-Eleven Store #2363-18257C 610 Newport Coos Bay	Bi-Mart #668 550 S. 4th St. Coos Bay
Coquille Broiler 2 N. Central Coquille	Safeway Store #4262 155 First St. Coquille	McKay's Market 400 N. Central Coquille
Ocampo's Blue Moon Restaurant & Lounge 871 S. Broadway Coos Bay	Coos Bay Liquor Store Agency 1108 784 Central Ave. Coos Bay	Coquille Liquor Store Agency 1055 630 Hwy 42 East Coquille
Coach House 604 6th Ave. Coos Bay		
17% Failed compliance check:		
Village Chevron 1300 Virginia North Bend	7-Eleven Store #2363-17234D 1988 Virginia North Bend	Highway Deli Mart 240 2 1st St. Coquille
Mr. Zacks Restaurant & Lounge 90 W. 1st St. Coquille		