



# News Release

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## OLCC checks for alcohol sales to minors in Yamhill and Linn Counties

**Portland, OR** – The Oregon Liquor Control Commission performed alcohol sales checks to minors in Yamhill and Linn Counties on July 18.

Nineteen out of 32 businesses passed the check by refusing to sell alcohol to minors. The 59 percent compliance rate was significantly below the 2008 statewide average of 78 percent.

“Underage drinking causes all sorts of problems like adult alcohol dependency, adult depression and damage to a teen’s still-developing brain,” said James Lynch, Salem Regional Manager. “Fifty nine percent compliance simply isn’t good enough. We’ll continue to work with licensees and encourage them to take the free I.D. checking class the OLCC offers.”

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.

### Businesses that passed:

**B & S Market**, 926 SW Hwy 99 W, Dundee  
**City Center Food Mart**, 710 SW Hwy 99W, Dundee  
**David OK Market**, 1178 Hwy 99W, Dundee  
**Willamina Liquor Store Agent #1147**, 212 NE Main St., Willamina  
**Kins Bar & Grill**, 180 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Lafayette  
**La Serra Mexican Grill**, 111 N. Hwy 99W, Dundee  
**Lumpy’s**, 975 SE Hwy 99 W, Dundee  
**People’s Market**, 301 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Lafayette  
**Roberts Shell**, 516 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Lafayette  
**7-Eleven Store #2363-24230A**, 1490 S. Main St., Lebanon

**Bo Jangles**, 76 E. Sherman St., Lebanon  
**Duffy’s Irish Pub**, 679 Main St., Lebanon  
**Lebanon Market**, 1695 S. Main St., Lebanon  
**Lebanon Shop N Kart**, 1950 Main St., Lebanon  
**Linn Lanes**, 2250 S. Main Rd.; Lebanon  
**Merlin’s Bar & Grill**, 25 W. Sherman, Lebanon  
**Sports Shack & Deli**, 1250 E. Grant St., Lebanon  
**Cottonwoods Market**, 35867 SE Knox Butte Rd., Albany  
**Crabtree Tavern**, 37627 Crabtree Dr., Crabtree.

### Businesses that failed:

**Antonio’s Italian Restaurant**, 416 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Lafayette  
**ARCO AM/PM #6602**, 109 Hwy 99W, Dundee  
**Bills Market**, 293 Bridge St., Lafayette  
**Martha’s Tacos & More**, 440 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Lafayette  
**Mercado Abastos**, 160 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lafayette  
**Roadhouse Pub**, 335 Third St., Lafayette  
**Appletree Restaurant**, 1890 S. Main, Lebanon  
**Bobo’s Eats & Grog**, 1765 S. Main St., Lebanon

**Center Market #4**, 1225 Grant St., Lebanon  
**Knothole Market & Texaco**, 2412 S. Santiam Hwy, Lebanon  
**Pineway G C & Restaurant**, 30949 Pineway Rd, Lebanon  
**Safeway Store #1558**, 1983 S. Santiam Hwy, Lebanon  
**A & B Market**, 33750 Santiam Hwy, Lebanon

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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