



News Release

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100% of businesses in Warrenton pass OLCC minor sales check

WARRENTON, OR – Eight businesses in Warrenton passed a check for alcohol sales to minors Sept. 23. The sales check was performed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and Warrenton Police Department.

The 100 percent compliance rate was well above with the 2008 statewide average of 78 percent.

“We really like to celebrate the times when we get 100 percent compliance,” said Janice Kindrick, Regional Enforcement Manager. “It’s so important for everyone to do their part to curb underage drinking. Teenage binge drinking is not only a public safety concern, but it can do long-term damage to a teen’s still developing brain.”

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.

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Businesses that passed:

Twin Spruce Tavern, 1910 S. Main St.

Main Street Market, 191 SW Main St.

Iredale Inn, 159 Main St.

El Compadre Restaurant, 119 S. Main St.

Warrenton Liquor Store #1087, 1673 E. Harbor Dr.

Fred Meyer, 1451 Hwy 101

Fultano’s Pizza/Bubba’s Sports Bar, 78 SW Harbor Dr.

Rod’s Bar & Grill, 45 N. Skipanon Dr.

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. (*Samples of OR Driver Licenses for minor and adult attached*)

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.

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