



News Release

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Twelve out of 17 businesses in Veneta pass OLCC checks for alcohol sales to minors

Eugene, OR – Seventy one percent of businesses in Veneta checked for alcohol sales to minors passed by refusing to sell to the minor volunteers. The compliance check was performed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission Jan. 13.

The 71 percent compliance rate was slightly below the 2008 statewide average of 78 percent.

“In a college town, it is crucial that licensees are checking ID properly,” said Pete O’Rourke, Eugene Regional Manager. “We offer a free ID checking class to all licensees and their employees to help them keep alcohol out of the hands of minors.”

Eugene (1/13/10)		
71% Passed		
CRAZY AL'S BAR & GRILL 88186 FOURTH ST VENETA, OR	BI-MART #669 25126 JEANS RD VENETA, OR	RAY'S FOOD PLACE #39 25013 HWY 126 VENETA, OR
IXTAPA MEXICAN RESTAURANT 24965 HWY 126 VENETA, OR	LEE'S HILLTOP MARKET 88706 TERRITORIAL HWY ELMIRA, OR	SHELL 324 25547 HWY 126 VENETA, OR
YUKON JACK'S STEAKHOUSE & SALOON 24967 W BROADWAY VENETA, OR	MACENZI'S TOO BAR & GRILL 24967 HWY 126 VENETA, OR	DS MARKET 86033 TERRITORIAL RD VENETA, OR
ROSALINA'S COCINA FINE MEX REST 88267 TERRITORIAL RD #6 VENETA, OR	COUNTRYSIDE PIZZA 88278 TERRITORIAL RD VENETA, OR	DARI MART STORE #33 25929 HWY 126 VENETA, OR
29% Failed		
VENETA GAS N GO FOOD MART & CAR WASH 24927 HWY 126 VENETA, OR	DS MART 87754 TERRITORIAL RD VENETA, OR	BONNE CHANCE BISTRO 88338 TERRITORIAL RD VENETA, OR
CHICAGO JOE'S SICILIAN PIZZA 24992 BROADWAY VENETA, OR	DARI MART STORE #27 88198 TERRITORIAL RD VENETA, OR	

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.

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.

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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