



News Release

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Eight out of 20 businesses in McMinnville pass OLCC checks for alcohol sales to minors

McMinnville, OR – Forty percent of businesses in McMinnville 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. 16.

The 40 percent compliance rate was significantly below the 2008 statewide average of 78 percent.

“Taking the time to look at IDs and knowing what to look for can make the difference between selling alcohol to a minor or not,” said James Lynch, Salem Regional Manager. “The OLCC offers a free ID checking class to help licensees and their employees prevent alcohol sales to minors.”

McMinnville (1/16/10)		
40% Passed		
ARCO AM/PM 109 N HWY 99W DUNDEE, OR	WAL-MART STORE #1843 2375 N 99W MCMINNVILLE, OR	WEDNESDAY WINES 250 NE 3RD ST MCMINNVILLE, OR
DELUXE BILLIARDS 711 NE THIRD ST MCMINNVILLE, OR	CHINA HOUSE RESTAURANT 1675 S BAKER ST MCMINNVILLE, OR	CIRCLE K #511 1920 LAFAYETTE AVE MCMINNVILLE, OR
SCOTTIES IMBIBERY 2223 MCDANIEL LN MCMINNVILLE, OR	MCMINNVILLE LIQUOR STORE AGENT #1089 1270 NE BAKER ST MCMINNVILLE, OR	
60% Failed		
7-ELEVEN STORE #2362- 24219E 901 S BAKER MCMINNVILLE, OR	JAKES DELI 1208 S BAKER MCMINNVILLE, OR	FREDDIE'S DELI & PUB 1250 NE BAKER MCMINNVILLE, OR
PLAID PANTRY #46 1911 N BAKER ST MCMINNVILLE, OR	R STUART & CO WINE BAR 528 NE 3RD ST MCMINNVILLE, OR	OLIVE YOU 411 NE 3RD ST MCMINNVILLE, OR
HARVEST FRESH PRODUCE & GROCERY 251 NE 3RD ST MCMINNVILLE, OR	LARAMBLA 238 NE 3RD ST MCMINNVILLE, OR	WILLAMETTE VALLEY VINEYARDS WINE CENTER 300 NE 3RD ST MCMINNVILLE, OR
JACKSON'S #538	SKY MART	RED LION INN & SUITES

2005 S HWY 99W MCMINNVILLE, OR	1720 NE HWY 99W MCMINNVILLE, OR	2535 NE CUMULUS AVE MCMINNVILLE, OR
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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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