



# News Release

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## **Deschutes and Jefferson County businesses pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors**

**Bend, OR** – Seven out of 9 businesses in Deschutes and Jefferson County passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales check was performed February 25 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The 78 percent compliance rate was slightly below the 2010 statewide average of 80 percent.

“Underage drinking has been linked to problems such as youth violence, traffic crashes, and alcohol poisoning,” said Katy Boyce, Bend Regional Manager. “Refusing to sell alcohol to a minor has a positive impact on the community.”

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 licensed liquor businesses throughout the year. Licensees or their employees could 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* <http://www.flickr.com/photos/oregonliquorcontrolcommission/sets/72157624623539267/>)

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.

**Deschutes & Jefferson County**

9 premises visited: 7 no sales, 2 sales. Compliance rate of 78%.

<b><u>NO SALES:</u></b>	<b><u>NO SALES:</u></b>
ABBY'S LEGENDARY PIZZA OF MADRAS 1235 SW HWY 97 MADRAS	AHERN'S STOP & SHOP 265 NW 5TH MADRAS
APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL & BAR 3807 SW 21ST. ST REDMOND	BLACK HORSE SALOON / THYME FOR TASTE CATERING 20565 BRINSON BLVD. BEND
CHARLIE'S PIZZA PARLOR 2738 SW HWY 97 MADRAS	MARAGAS WINERY 15523 SW HWY 97 CULVER
THE RAINBOW MARKET 8529 NW HWY 26 MADRAS	
<b><u>SALES:</u></b>	
GREAT EARTH NATURAL FOODS 46 SW D ST. MADRAS	REDMOND LIQUOR STORE SOUTH 1705 ODEM MEDO RD REDMOND

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*"Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service"*

*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than \$343 million to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)*