



# News Release

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## **97% of businesses in Jackson County pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors**

**Medford, OR** – Twenty nine out of 30 businesses visited in Medford, White City and Eagle Point passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed April 6 and 7 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 97 percent which is significantly above the 2011 statewide average of 76 percent.

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. The Oregon Driver license for a minor carries a red border around the picture with the words "Under 21 until" followed by the date of his/her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

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.

## Medford, White City and Eagle Point

30 premises visited: 29 No Sales, 1 Sale – Compliance rate of 97%.

<b>SALE</b>	<b>NO SALE</b>
PURPLE PARROT #7 7326 HWY 62 WHITE CITY	BUTTE CREEK MILL 402 ROYAL AVE. N EAGLE POINT
<b>NO SALE</b> LIL PANTRY MARKET & DELI 7600 CRATER LAKE HWY WHITE CITY	LITTLE BUTTE MARKET 19 N SHASTA EAGLE POINT
STOP N GO MARKET 2362 ANTELOPE RD. WHITE CITY	ED'S OASIS 299 OLD HWY 62 EAGLE POINT
7-ELEVEN STORE #2362-23044B 2410 ANTELOPE RD. WHITE CITY	ABBY'S LEGENDARY PIZZA 7480 CRATER LAKE HWY WHITE CITY
BOBBI O'S PIZZA 7581 CRATER LAKE HWY WHITE CITY	BAMBU 970 N PHOENIX RD #106 MEDFORD
SHOP SMART #62 7521 CRATER LAKE HWY WHITE CITY	VINNYS ITALIAN KITCHEN 970 N PHOENIX RD #104 MEDFORD
PURPLE PARROT 11264 HWY 62 #D EAGLE POINT	ALL ABOUT OREGON 1600 N RIVERSIDE AVE #1083 MEDFORD
WAL-MART #5424 11500 HANNON RD. EAGLE POINT	HK SPIRIT GAS & MARKET 1325 COURT ST MEDFORD
EAGLE POINT ARCO 16068 HWY 62 EAGLE POINT	CASA RAMOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT 1253 N RIVERSIDE MEDFORD
RAY'S FOOD PLACE #61 11100 HWY 62 EAGLE POINT	RESTAURANT EL KORA 940 N CENTRAL AVE MEDFORD
EAGLE POINT LIQUOR STORE 11150 HWY 62 EAGLE POINT	LITTLE MARKET 523 S CENTRAL MEDFORD
PURPLE PARROT 10546 HWY 62 EAGLE POINT	CHINA HUT RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 450 S RIVERSIDE MEDFORD
ABBY'S LEGENDARY PIZZA 11200 HWY 62 EAGLE POINT	GOLDEN WOK 718 S RIVERSIDE MEDFORD
THE TROUGH 121 MAIN ST. EAGLE POINT	ALI'S THAI KITCHEN 2392 N PACIFIC HWY MEDFORD
MAIN EVENT 120 W. MAIN EAGLE POINT	Thai Bistro 535 STEVENS ST #F MEDFORD

*"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.](#)*