



# News Release

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## **89% of businesses in Lane County pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors**

**Eugene, OR** – Sixteen out of 18 businesses visited in Eugene passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed May 24 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 89 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.

**Eugene-Lane County**

18 premises visited: 16 No Sales, 2 Sales – Compliance rate of 89%.

<p><b><u>SALES</u></b>                  CORNBREAD CAFÉ                  1290 W 7<sup>TH</sup> AVE                  EUGENE</p> <p>VISHNU INDIA                  IMPORTS/OAK STREET                  MARKET                  135 E 29<sup>TH</sup> AVE                  EUGENE</p> <p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>                  JUNG'S MONGOLIAN GRILL                  4355 COMMERCE ST                  EUGENE</p> <p>WAL-MART SUPERCENTER                  #3258                  4550 W 11<sup>TH</sup> AVE                  EUGENE</p> <p>MARKET OF CHOICE #9                  67 W 29<sup>TH</sup>                  EUGENE</p>	<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>                  RED BARN NATURAL                  GROCERY                  357 VAN BUREN ST                  EUGENE</p> <p>THE TINY TAVERN                  394 BLAIR BLVD                  EUGENE</p> <p>DUCK INN BAR &amp; GRILL                  1795 W 6<sup>TH</sup> AVE                  EUGENE</p> <p>YI SHEN MARKET                  1915 W 11<sup>TH</sup> AVE                  EUGENE</p> <p>SILVER DOLLAR CLUB                  2620 W TENTH PL                  EUGENE</p> <p>FRED MEYER #417                  3333 W 11<sup>TH</sup> AVE                  EUGENE</p> <p>SUSHI DOMO OAK ST                  2835 OAK ST                  EUGENE</p>	<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>                  THE KEG TAVERN                  4711 W 11<sup>TH</sup> AVE                  EUGENE</p> <p>MARKET OF CHOICE #10                  1960 FRANKLIN BLVD                  EUGENE</p> <p>ALBERTSON'S #568                  3075 HILYARD ST                  EUGENE</p> <p>SAFEWAY STORE #4513                  350 E 40<sup>TH</sup>                  EUGENE</p> <p>THE GLENWOOD                  RESTAURANTS                  2588 WILLAMETTE ST                  EUGENE</p> <p>PIZZA HUT #3                  2870 WILLAMETTE ST                  EUGENE</p>
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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.](#)*

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