



# News Release

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## **62% of businesses in Lane County pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors**

**Eugene, OR** – Sixteen out of 26 businesses visited in Florence 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 62 percent which is significantly below 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.

## Florence-Lane County

26 premises visited: 16 No Sales, 10 Sales – Compliance rate of 62%.

<u>SALES</u>	<u>NO SALES</u>	<u>NO SALES</u>
RITE AID #5378 3451 HWY 101 FLORENCE	RILEY'S PUB 1161 HWY 101 FLORENCE, OR	FLORENCE GROCERY OUTLET 2066 HWY 101 FLORENCE
GRIFF'S CLEAWOX MARKET 85150 HWY 101 FLORENCE	SAFeway STORE #363 700 HWY 101 FLORENCE, OR	FRED MEYER #464 4701 HWY 101 FLORENCE
ABHI'S ONE STOP MARKET 85039 HWY 101 FLORENCE	SHELL 502 951 HWY 101 FLORENCE, OR	ICHIBAN RESTAURANT 2515 HWY 101 FLORENCE
TWIN LAKES STORE 88940 HWY 101 FLORENCE	7-ELEVEN 21486D 1590 9 <sup>TH</sup> ST FLORENCE, OR	IXTAPA RESTAURANT 1015 HWY 101 FLORENCE
FLORENCE LIQUOR STORE 1739 HWY 126 FLORENCE	BEST THAI CUISINE 1565 W 9 <sup>TH</sup> FLORENCE, OR	LOS AMIGOS BURRITO 529 HWY 101 FLORENCE
ABBY'S PIZZA INN OF FLORENCE 1374 HWY 101 FLORENCE	BI-MART #644 4310 HWY 101 FLORENCE, OR	LOS COMPADRES TAQUERIA 397 HWY 101 S FLORENCE
BUY 2 @ FLORENCE 1839 HWY 101 FLORENCE	BLISS' HOT ROD GRILL 1179 HWY 101 FLORENCE, OR	
CHEN'S FAMILY DISH 3620 HWY 101 FLORENCE KOZY KITCHEN 820 HWY 101 FLORENCE	HECETA STOP N SHOP 87764 HWY 101 N FLORENCE, OR BAY LOUNGE 1073 HWY 101 FLORENCE, OR	
PIZZA HUT 1940 HWY 101 FLORENCE	ELKS LODGE #1858 FLORENCE 1686 12 <sup>TH</sup> ST FLORENCE, OR	

*"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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