



News Release

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91% of businesses in Jefferson/Deschutes County pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Bend, OR – Ten out of 11 businesses visited in Culver, Madras, Metolius, and Redmond passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed August 16 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 91 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

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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 21st 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.

Culver, Madras, Metrolius, and Redmond

11 premises visited: 10 No Sales, 1 Sale – Compliance rate of 91%.

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| <p><u>SALES</u> MARAGAS WINERY 15523 SW HWY 97 CULVER</p> <p><u>NO SALES</u> THE BACK STREET PUB 272 NW 5th ST. MADRAS</p> <p>MAZATLAN MEXICAN RESTAURANT 675 NE HWY 26 MADRAS</p> <p>BUSY BEE MARKET 481 SW 4th ST MADRAS</p> <p>FIESTA MAZATLAN 975 SW RIMROCK WAY REDMOND</p> <p>SEVENTH STREET BREWHOUSE 855 SW 7TH STREET REDMOND</p> | <p><u>NO SALES</u> MADRAS PUB AND DELI 118 SW 5TH ST. MADRAS</p> <p>DING HO FAMILY RESTAURANT 36 SW "I" ST. MADRAS</p> <p>ABBY'S LEGENDARY PIZZA OF MADRAS 1235 SW HWY 97 MADRAS</p> <p>DESERT INN BAR & GRILL 385 JEFFERSON AVE METOLIUS</p> <p>ONE STREET DOWN CAFE 124 SW 7th ST REDMOND</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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