



# News Release

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## **92% of businesses in Wallowa and Union Counties pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors**

**Bend, OR** – Twelve out of 13 businesses visited in Joseph, La Grande, Elgin, Enterprise, and Wallowa passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed July 26 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 92.4 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.

**Joseph, La Grande, Elgin, Enterprise, Wallowa**

13 premises visited: 12 No Sales, 1 Sale – Compliance rate of 92%.

<p><b><u>SALES</u></b>                  CALDERAS                  300 N. LAKE ST.                  JOSEPH</p> <p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>                  JAY DEE'S                  1323 Y AVE                  LA GRANDE</p> <p>ELGIN CHEVRON SHOP N GO                  785 ALBANY ST                  ELGIN</p> <p>ENTERPRISE CHEVRON                  111 NW FIRST ST                  ENTERPRISE</p> <p>ENTERPRISE LITTLE STORE                  214 W NORTH                  ENTERPRISE</p>	<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>                  GLACIER GRILL &amp; GENERAL STORE                  72784 MARINA DR                  JOSEPH</p> <p>GOEBEL'S SERVICE                  1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; DOUGLAS                  WALLOWA</p> <p>MT JOSEPH FAMILY FOODS                  208 N MAIN ST                  JOSEPH</p> <p>RON'S PLACE                  102 W 1<sup>ST</sup> ST                  WALLOWA</p>	<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>                  SAFEWAY STORE #371                  601 W NORTH ST                  ENTERPRISE</p> <p>THE DOLLAR STRETCHER                  604 S RIVER ST                  ENTERPRISE</p> <p>WALLOWA FOOD CITY                  CORNER OF 1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; STORIE                  WALLOWA</p> <p>CHIEF JOSEPH DAYS RODEO (TSL)                  405 W WALLOWA AVE                  JOSEPH</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 \$370 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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