



News Release

Oregon Liquor Control Commission
9079 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Portland, OR 97222-7355
1-800-452-6522

For more information:
Christie Scott, Public Affairs Specialist, (503) 872-5002
www.oregon.gov/olcc

May 13, 2013

60% of businesses checked in Portland pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

Portland, OR – Nine of 15 businesses visited in Portland passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed April 18 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 60% percent which is below the 2012 statewide average of 81 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 "Minor 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.

Minor Decoy Operation

April 18, 2013

PORTLAND

15 premises visited: 9 No Sales, 6 Sales – Compliance rate of 60%

<p>NO SALES PORTLAND POWELL LIQUOR STORE 5120 SE POWELL BLVD PORTLAND</p> <p>DREAM ON SALOON 15920 SE STARK PORTLAND</p> <p>TIENDA MEXICANA GONZALEZ BROS 12441 SE POWELL BLVD PORTLAND</p> <p>ACTION JACKSON'S 3508 SE 122ND AVE PORTLAND</p> <p>TIK TOK DELI PIZZA TIME 11239 SE DIVISION PORTLAND</p>	<p>NO SALES SHAMROCK BAR & GRILL 4919 SE 82ND PORTLAND</p> <p>JIFFY MART 7004 SE 82ND AVE PORTLAND</p> <p>JACKSONS #528 5524 SE 82ND PORTLAND</p> <p>DOUBLE UP BAR 4820 SE 82ND PORTLAND</p>
<p>SALES BOO HAN MARKET 1313 SE 82ND AVE PORTLAND</p> <p>TJ'S HAPPY LANDING TAVERN 520 SE 148TH AVE PORTLAND</p> <p>O'SUSHI 2838 SE 82ND AVE PORTLAND</p>	<p>SALES USA MARKET OF PORTLAND 12503A SE DIVISION PORTLAND</p> <p>TAQUERIA EL CAZADOR 10151 SE FOSTER PORTLAND</p> <p>MT SCOTT MARKET 10135 SE FOSTER RD PORTLAND</p>

"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.](#)*

##