



News Release

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90% of businesses checked in Brookings, Coos Bay, Bandon, Gold Beach and Harbor pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

MEDFORD, OR – Thirteen out of 15 businesses visited in Brookings, Coos Bay, Bandon, Gold Beach and Harbor passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed June 29, 2013 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 90 percent which is above 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

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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 "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

June 29, 2013

Brookings, Coos Bay, Bandon, Gold Beach, Harbor

20 premises visited: 18 No Sales, 2 Sales – Compliance rate of 90%

<p><u>NO SALES</u> GROCERY OUTLET 16261 HWY 101 #17 BROOKINGS</p> <p>HARBOR TOBACCO 16261 HWY S #4 BROOKINGS</p> <p>SHOP SMART 97900 SHOPPING CENTER AVE HARBOR</p> <p>BIMART 248 WHARF STREET BROOKINGS</p> <p>RAY'S FOOD PLACE 906 CHETCO AVE BROOKINGS</p> <p>CIRCLE K 1023 CHETCO AVE BROOKINGS</p> <p>CENTRAL CURRY 76 29359 ELLENSBURG AVE GOLD BEACH</p> <p>RAY'S 29560 ELLENSBURG AVE GOLD BEACH</p> <p>LIGHTHOUSE MARKET 705 S EMPIRE COOS BAY</p>	<p><u>NO SALES</u> MCKAY'S 29656 ELLENSBURG AVE GOLD BEACH</p> <p>RAY'S 1550 OREGON STREET PORT ORFORD</p> <p>HIGHWAY DELI MART 1355 OREGON AVE SE BANDON</p> <p>PRICE AND PRIDE 65 10th STREET SE BANDON</p> <p>WILSON'S MARKET 90 JUNE AVE BANDON</p> <p>RAY'S 66 MICHIGAN AVE BANDON</p> <p>TIFFANY'S PHARMACY & GIFTS 44 MICHIGAN AVE BANDON</p> <p>BAYSHORE CHEVRON 600 N BAYSHORE DR COOS BAY</p> <p>FRED MEYER 325 5TH STREET BROOKINGS</p>
<p><u>SALES</u> CHETCO PHARMACY & GIFTS 890 CHETCO AVE BROOKINGS</p>	<p><u>SALES</u> MCKAY'S MARKET 130 N CAMMAN COOS BAY</p>

"Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service"

*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed \$397 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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