



News Release

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100% of businesses checked in Washington County pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors

PORTLAND, OR – Seven out of 7 businesses visited in Washington County passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed 6/7/2013 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and Washington County Sheriff's Office.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 100 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

<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

June 7, 2013

Washington County

7 premises visited: 7 No Sales, 0 Sales – Compliance rate of 100%

NO SALES BANDITO TACO 13565 NW CORNELL RD PORTLAND BARREL 14740 NW CORNELL RD PORTLAND BETHANY'S TABLE 15325 NW CENTRAL DR #J1 PORTLAND CHEN'S DYNASTY 4840 NW BETHANY BLVD PORTLAND	NO SALES PLAID PANTRY # 49 809 NW MURRAY RD PORTLAND JUAN COLORADO MEXICAN RESTAURANT 4708 NW BETHANY BLVD PORTLAND ROCK CREEK CORNER 18515 NW WEST UNION RD PORTLAND
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"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.](#)*