



# News Release

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## **71% of businesses checked in Portland pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors**

**PORTLAND, OR** – Seventeen out of 24 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 September 13 and 17 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The combined sales checks resulted in a compliance rate of 71 percent which is below the 2012 statewide average of 81 percent. The businesses checked on September 13 had a compliance rate of 40 percent and the businesses checked on September 17 had a compliance rate of 93 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 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.

## Minor Decoy Operation

September 13, 2013, Portland

10 premises visited: 4 No Sales, 6 Sales – Compliance rate of 40%

<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>                  WHOLE FOODS MARKET                  4301 NE SANDY BLVD                  PORTLAND</p> <p>ELEPHANT'S DELICATESSEN                  7000 NE AIRPORT WAY #2316                  PORTLAND</p>	<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>                  JOSEPH'S CAFÉ &amp; DELI                  10812 NE HALSEY                  PORTLAND</p> <p>ELMER'S PARKROSE                  10001 NE SANDY BLVD                  PORTLAND</p>
<p><b><u>SALES</u></b>                  CHA CHA CHA TAQUERIA                  4727 NE FREMONT STE A                  PORTLAND</p> <p>FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN BUFFALO WINGS                  3443 &amp; 3437 NE 57<sup>TH</sup> AVE                  PORTLAND</p> <p>BOTTLES                  5015 NE FREMONT ST                  PORTLAND</p>	<p><b><u>SALES</u></b>                  HOLLYWOOD FOOD MART &amp; GAS STATION                  1510 NE 42<sup>ND</sup>                  PORTLAND</p> <p>AIRPORT FOOD MART                  6340 NE PORTLAND HWY                  PORTLAND</p> <p>7-ELEVEN STORE #2363-17959D                  4250 NE 122<sup>ND</sup>                  PORTLAND</p>

September 17, 2013, Portland

14 premises visited: 13 No Sales, 1 Sales – Compliance rate of 93%

<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>                  7-ELEVEN STORE #2363-14504B                  7330 N ST LOUIS                  PORTLAND</p> <p>CHA CHA CHA                  5225 N LOMBARD ST                  PORTLAND</p> <p>ENAT KITCHEN                  300 N KILLINGSWORTH                  PORTLAND</p> <p>BILOXI DELI LOUNGE                  3746 N MISSISSIPPI                  PORTLAND</p> <p>MEE DEE THAI CUISINE                  2731 N KILLINGSWORTH                  PORTLAND</p> <p>DI PRIMA DOLCI ITALIAN BAKERY &amp; CAFÉ                  1936 N KILLINGSWORTH ST                  PORTLAND</p> <p>ISLAND CAFÉ                  250 NE TOMAHAWK ISLAND DR                  PORTLAND</p>	<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>                  MOCK CREST DELI                  3709 N LOMBARD ST                  PORTLAND</p> <p>7-ELEVEN STORE #2363-14494                  2815 N KILLINGSWORTH                  PORTLAND</p> <p>ELMER'S PANCAKE/STEAK HOUSE DELTA PARK                  9848 N WHITAKER RD                  PORTLAND</p> <p>COFFEEHOUSE FIVE                  740 N KILLINGSWORTH ST                  PORTLAND</p> <p>WHITE EAGLE CAFÉ &amp; SALOON                  836 N RUSSEL                  PORTLAND</p> <p>TARGET STORE #T-1433                  1400 N HAYDEN ISLAND DR                  PORTLAND</p>
<p><b><u>SALES</u></b>                  NU RITE WAY FOOD CENTER                  3965 N MISSISSIPPI                  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.](#)*

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