



# News Release

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## **69% of businesses checked in Creswell pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors**

**EUGENE, OR** – Nine out of 13 businesses visited in Creswell passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed October 10, 2013 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 69 percent which is below the 2012 statewide average of 81 percent.

“With Lane Community College so close, it’s really important that the businesses nearby do their part to prevent alcohol sales to minors,” says Pete O’Rourke OLCC Eugene Regional Manager.

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.

O’Rourke adds, “When we send our minor volunteers in, they are using their real ID that says they’re under 21, but in real life minors are using fake IDs that can be more difficult to detect. I encourage anyone in the alcohol service industry to attend a free ID checking class to protect themselves and the people who are trying to buy alcohol.”

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  
October 10, 2013  
CRESWELL**

13 premises visited: 9 No Sales, 4 Sales – Compliance rate of 69%

<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>          BI-MART #675          150 MELTON RD          CRESWELL</p> <p>CRESWELL CAFÉ          270 E OREGON AVE          CRESWELL</p> <p>DARI MART #28          115-117 FRONT ST          CRESWELL</p> <p>DARI MART #41          93 N MILL ST          CRESWELL</p> <p>LOS CABOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT          106 WEST OR AVE          CRESWELL</p>	<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>          MY BOYS PIZZA          96 N MILL ST          CRESWELL</p> <p>PATTY'S CAFÉ          117 E OREGON AVE          CRESWELL</p> <p>RAY'S FOOD PLACE #48          190 EMERALD PKWY          CRESWELL</p> <p>ROUND UP SALOON          13 N FRONT ST          CRESWELL</p>
<p><b><u>SALES</u></b>          B &amp; B DINING &amp; SPIRITS          213 S FRONT ST          CRESWELL</p> <p>CRESWELL AM PM          305 E OREGON AVE          CRESWELL</p>	<p><b><u>SALES</u></b>          EMERALD VALLEY GOLF CLUB RESTAURANT          600 DALE KUNI RD          CRESWELL</p> <p>TJ'S FAMILY RESTAURANT          365 E OREGON AVE          CRESWELL</p>

*"Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service"*

*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than \$395 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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