



# News Release

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## **85% of businesses checked in Portland pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors**

**PORTLAND, OR** – Eleven out of 13 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 February 28, 2014 by the Medford Police Department and Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 85 percent which is consistent with the 2013 statewide average of 84 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.

“We’re really proud of the eleven businesses that refused to sell alcohol to our minor volunteer,” says Shannon Hoffedtz, Portland Regional Manager. “Preventing alcohol sales to minors is good for the community and the business. Fines, court costs, and payments for damages all add up to money that could be reinvested back into their business instead.”

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

February 28, 2014

### Portland

13 premises visited: 11 No Sales, 2 Sales – Compliance rate of 85%

<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>          TUAN'S 76 STATION          3323 NE KILLINGSWORTH ST          PORTLAND</p> <p>JACKSONS #504          5829 NE MLK JR BLVD          PORTLAND</p> <p>BILLY RAY'S NEIGHBORHOOD DIVE          2216 NE MLK BLVD          PORTLAND</p> <p>VITA CAFÉ          3023 NE ALBERTA ST          PORTLAND</p> <p>IRVINGTON TENNIS CLUB          2131 NE THOMPSON          PORTLAND</p> <p>HABESHA ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT &amp; BAR          801 NE BROADWAY          PORTLAND</p>	<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>          THAI NOON RESTAURANT          2635 NE ALBERTA ST          PORTLAND</p> <p>BREAKSIDE BREWERY          820 NE DEKUM          PORTLAND</p> <p>COUNTY CORK PUBLIC HOUSE          1329 NE FREMONT          PORTLAND</p> <p>FREE HOUSE          1325 NE FREMONT ST          PORTLAND</p> <p>BANDINI PIZZA &amp; PASTA          3513 NE MLK JR BLVD          PORTLAND</p>
<p><b><u>SALES</u></b>          OLD TOWN PIZZA          5201 NE MLK JR BLVD          PORTLAND</p>	<p><b><u>SALES</u></b>          FIVE STAR CHEVRON          3435 NE MLK BLVD          PORTLAND</p>

*"Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service"*

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