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Eight Oregon cities set the gold standard for keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors

Portland, OR – With school back in session, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission is celebrating cities around the state that have gotten A+ scores for refusing to sell alcohol to minors. So far in 2014, eight cities have earned 100% compliance during minor decoy checks.

“It’s a great reminder for businesses to always do their best to check ID,” says Steven Marks, OLCC Executive Director. “We applaud these businesses for excellence in ID checking and preventing alcohol sales to minors.”



A+ Scores

Tillamook

September 17; 22 businesses visited

Baker City

April 30; 25 businesses visited

Grants Pass

July 11; 13 businesses visited

Gresham/Portland

April 18; 16 businesses visited

Sutherlin

June 26; 13 businesses visited

Medford

February 5, 2014; 15 businesses visited

Portland

June 17; 4 businesses visited

Portland/Beaverton/Aloha/Tigard

January 13; 13 businesses visited

It’s never too late for parents to talk to their kids about underage drinking. Studies show that alcohol can have an impact on teens’ still-developing brains through age 20.

A good habit of checking ID for sales clerks and servers can make the difference in keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors. Young people use various forms of fake ID including altering their own ID, borrowing an ID from an older sibling or friend, or purchasing a counterfeit ID. OLCC’s public safety team offers free classes to people in the alcohol service industry on how to recognize fake ID. [Contact your local OLCC office](#) for class times.

State law requires that businesses check the ID of anyone purchasing alcohol who looks younger than 26 years old.

*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than \$416 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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