



# News Release

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## **Nineteen out of 23 Washington County businesses pass OLCC minor sales check**

**PORTLAND, ORE** – Twenty three businesses in Washington County were checked for alcohol sales to minors Aug. 6 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and Washington County Sheriff's Office. Nineteen licensees passed the check by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer.

The 83 percent passing rate is well above the 2007 state average of 78 percent.

"It's so important to stop teen alcohol abuse before it starts," says Janice Kindrick, OLCC Regional Enforcement Manager. "Recent studies show that teens who start drinking before they turn 21 have a higher rate of alcohol dependency as adults."

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 about 1,300 licensed liquor businesses each year. Licensees or their employees can be held liable for alcohol-related damages and injuries if they serve or sell alcohol to a minor.

The following licensees were tested and passed the compliance check: **7-Eleven Store #2362-16795C**, 12595 NW Cornell Rd., Portland; **Aguilar Tienda Mexicana**, 826 ½ NW Murray Rd., Portland; **Aziz 76**, 5065 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Portland; **Bales Marketplace Thriftway-Cedar Mill**, 12675 NW Cornell Rd., Portland; **Cedar hills Mart & Mail**, 10170 SW Parkway, Portland; **Dennis Market**, 425 NW Saltzman Rd., Portland; **Fred Meyer**, 7700 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Portland; **Lucky Market & Deli**, 2830 NW Cornell Rd., Forest Grove; **New Seasons Market**, 7300 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Portland; **Pizzicato Gourmet Pizza**, 10719 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Beaverton; **Plaid Pantry #118**, 14114 SW Butner Rd., Portland; **Plaid Pantry #122**, 9917 SW Canyon Rd., Portland; **Plaid Pantry #176**, 3875 SW 170<sup>th</sup>, Beaverton; **Plaid Pantry #49**, 809 NW Murray Rd., Portland; **Quality Food Centers QFC #202**, 7525 SW Barnes Rd., Portland; **Rite Aid #5356**, 11190 SW Barnes Rd., Portland; **Safeway Store #1525**, 13485 NW Cornell Rd., Portland; **Safeway Store #4510**, 13485 NW Cornell Rd., Portland and **Target Store T-0344**, 10775 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Beaverton.

The following licensees did not pass the sales check: **7-Eleven Store #2362-17916A**, 3160 NW 185<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland; **Albertson's #582**, 11070C SW Barnes Rd. Portland; **Aloha Chevron Foodmart**, 17095 SW TV Hwy, Aloha and **Food Sak/Subway**, 7365 Barnes Rd., Portland.

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Servers, bartenders and licensees whose employees sell alcohol to the minor or do not verify the minor's age, are subject to OLCC administrative penalties including fines or suspensions. Store clerks who sell can be cited with criminal charges and a minimum \$350 fine.

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.

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.

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 and do not disguise their age or lie to encourage the sale of alcohol.

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