

# Feds raise pressure on Oregon over IDs

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon is facing increasing pressure to adopt federal standards for its driver's licenses and state-issued IDs before residents face additional scrutiny at secured areas, including airports.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has granted the state another extension of its deadline to comply with the Real ID Act of 2005, which laid out a series of standards for state-issued ID cards.

*The Oregonian/OregonLive* reports though previous extensions have been in effect for a year at a time, the latest will last through June — just long enough for the Legislature to convene. Alaska, California and Virginia all received similar limited extensions, while several other states received an entire year.

Congress passed the Real ID Act in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. It requires higher standards of proof of legal U.S. residency and additional security measures that make the cards harder to replicate.

The Oregon Legislature in 2009 banned the DMV from spending state funds to comply with the federal act, which lawmakers saw as an unfunded mandate. Since then, the state has routinely and successfully sought deadline extensions.

Lawmakers briefed on the issue earlier this year showed

no sign of reconsidering, and transportation officials said there was no legislation planned to change the state law.

Absent a change in law or the arrival of federal funding, state transportation officials said they would continue to seek extensions.

The Transportation Security Administration, which oversees airport security, said it intends to stop accepting non-compliant IDs on Jan. 22, 2018. States that are still compliant — including those whose deadlines have been extended — face a hard deadline in October 2020, when Homeland Security has said it will require all air travelers to carry a Real ID-compliant license.

The federal government this month rejected extension requests from Oklahoma, Kentucky, Maine, Pennsylvania and South Carolina. Three others — Minnesota, Missouri and Washington — were previously notified that they were not in compliance with federal law.

# Fire Hall will host Halloween event

Spooks, goblins, and kids are invited to a howling good time at the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 31. Come play games and — if you dare — venture into the haunted maze at the annual Halloween event.

There will be refreshments, prizes, and candy for all the trick-or-treaters. Grab your friends and join the volunteers for a screaming fun time.

To ensure a safe and happy Halloween experience, safety officials ask that the community review the following safety tips:

- When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If you are making your own costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes into contact with heat or flame. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and

other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.

• It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candles in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long fire-place-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.

• Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes

• Tell children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

• Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for

trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

• If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Taking simple fire-safety precautions like those listed above, including keeping decorations far away from open flames and using battery-operated candles or glowsticks in jack-o-lanterns, can help ensure your holiday remains festive and fun.

For more information call 541-549-0771 or visit [www.sistersfire.com](http://www.sistersfire.com). The Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Hall is located at 301 S. Elm St.

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