

OLCC ID Checks Thwart Underage Alcohol Buyers

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has turned up the heat on young people who misuse identification to buy alcohol. In 2000, the agency handled more than 1,033 youth ID incidents in two special enforcement programs.

The OLCC recently released regulatory compliance statistics for 2000, which indicate the agency has been actively enforcing Oregon's liquor laws. During the year, the OLCC checked 18,292 IDs, up from 8,485 in 1999, including those in the special false ID and ID checking programs aimed at underage drinkers. Halting drinking by minors is the agency's top priority.

The OLCC has been working on improving ID checking techniques with owners of nightclubs and other establishments that attract minors and have a high rate of false ID attempts. Club owners and police praised the effort last year and the program continues to expand.

The agency also took aim at over service of alcohol in restaurants and bars by issuing 194 violation tickets for service or sales to visibly intoxicated persons (VIPs). Linda Ignowski, OLCC's regulatory program director, credited the agency's VIP team for boosting the number of tickets to licensees and their employees who don't turn off the tap when they should.

Last year, the OLCC issued 763 administrative tickets, 32 more than in 1999, for violations that included failure to check ID, drinking on duty, selling alcohol to a minor, and others.

Inspectors reported an additional 509 citations for criminal violations such as minor in possession of alcohol, misrepresentation of age, and furnishing alcohol to a minor. They also issued 250 warnings to licensees.

"The information in this report provides a strong indicator of the work OLCC's regulatory staff accomplished last year," said Linda Ignowski,

regulatory program director. "It was a busy and successful year for the agency.

"This report only highlights activities that we can quantify," she explained. "We do a tremendous amount of work that cannot be captured accurately in numbers."

OLCC's 33 inspectors also issued tickets or citations for other violations, including drinking on duty, 13; failure to check ID, 284; making a false statement, 9; maintaining a noisy establishment, 7; noisy activity, 9; service permit violations, 48; selling alcohol to a minor, 95 violation tickets, 92 citations; unauthorized owner, 9; unlawful activity, 44; minor in possession, 231; and misrepresentation of age, 132.

The agency's regulatory division received 3,456 liquor-related complaints in 2000, up from 2,922 the previous year. Inspectors intervened in 251 unlicensed events such as keg parties, and conducted 1,116

compliance check visits to stores, restaurants, bars, and other licensees to test for alcohol sales to minors. Staff members also made 425 school contacts and conducted 656 training classes for licensees and their employees.

Last year, the number of licensees in the OLCC's responsible vendor program increased to 788. Eighty-seven licensees purchased age verification equipment, which scans customer identification to weed out underage buyers. Staff members processed 27,000 applications and issued 17,700 alcohol service permits. More than 20,500 students enrolled in an OLCC server education class.

OLCC staff members visited 2,766 of 8,000 licensees (grocery stores, taverns, restaurants, bars, other liquor outlets) to develop positive contacts and check for compliance of liquor laws. Ignowski said the visits were favorably received and that the OLCC expects to continue making the visits throughout 2001.



Basic Cleaning Tips

- ⊗ Place 2 tablespoons of liquid soap and 1-1/2 cups of water in a spray bottle. Put the water in first. Shake gently to combine the soap and water. Use this to clean the dishes. No wasted squirts of soap on one dish. This solution is strong enough to clean dishes.
- ⊗ Socks: Give each person in the house a pillowcase for their socks. Every time they remove their socks, they place them in the pillowcase. On laundry day, tie a loose knot in the pillowcase and wash and dry as usual. No more missing socks.
- ⊗ Reduce ironing time. Take the fabric cover off your ironing board. Place aluminum foil, shiny side up, on the pad. Replace the ironing board cover.
- ⊗ Spray a measuring cup with oil before measuring honey or molasses. The honey or molasses just rolls out.
- ⊗ Once a week, clean out your garbage pails with vinegar and 2 drops of tea tree oil. This is great for disinfecting.

Laundry – Tips to Save Money

- ⊗ When the nice weather is here, hang the clothes outside to dry.
- ⊗ Use 1/2 cup of vinegar in your rinse cycle, no more fabric softener (no odor of vinegar in your clothes).
- ⊗ Use less detergent than required and your clothes will still sparkle.
- ⊗ Buy a *Wonderwash*. It uses no electricity and less water and soap.
- ⊗ Cut fabric sheets in half, just as effective. You have double the softeners for half the price.
- ⊗ Use cold water for most of your clothes. Cold is great for cleaning most clothing types.
- ⊗ Wash clothes off hours – usually cheaper to clean in the evening.

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Cleaning 101



Floors

- Sweep each room a section at a time. Move all furniture to get all the dust and crumbs that have accumulated over the year.
 - Fill a bucket with vinegar and warm water. Add a few drops of essential oils for smell.
 - Say goodbye to the mop and hello to a rag.
 - Wash the floor with a wet rag and polish dry with a dry rag. Remember to do the floorboards, remove all those scuff marks.
- Decide to do a room a day. Doing your floors is a long process but it's great maintenance. Your floors will sparkle and make the room look great.

Windows

- ☞ Place club soda in a spray bottle. Spray the windows with the club soda and wipe clean with a soft cloth.
- ☞ Clean your windows with soapy water. Rinse with clean water and remove the water with a squeegee. No streaks.
- ☞ Mix 1 teaspoonful of cornstarch in half a pail of water. Dip your cloth in the mixture and wring out the excess water. Clean the windows with this cloth, dry the windows with a lint-free cloth. Sparkling windows.
- ☞ Mix 1 cup of vinegar with a pail of water. Clean the windows and dry with a lint-free cloth.

Under-the-Sink Cupboard

Discard all of those toxic cleaners even if they are full! They are bad for you and your home. Under the sink you need:

1. Vegetable oil-based soap or a mild liquid soap
2. Vinegar
3. Baking soda
4. Club soda
5. Scouring pads
6. Rags and cloths (place in a basket to keep them dry)