



Seven Tacoma businesses sold alcohol to minors during compliance checks

OLYMPIA – On July 27, 2012, seven Tacoma businesses failed liquor compliance checks conducted by the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) and the Tacoma Police Department. Officers checked 35 businesses for sales/service of alcohol to minors.

The seven businesses were cited for selling alcohol to investigative aides working with officers. Five of the failed compliance checks were for selling beer or wine. Two of the seven licensees -- Safeway #1594 and Fred Meyer #385 -- failed their compliance checks by selling spirits to WSLCB investigative aides.

Compliance checks

The WSLCB and local authorities regularly conduct compliance checks of area businesses licensed to sell alcohol. These businesses include restaurants, grocery stores, liquor stores, neighborhood markets, taverns, wine bars and sports/entertainment facilities. Compliance checks are proven tools to reduce the sale of alcohol to minors.

Investigative aides assist officers with compliance checks. These individuals are from 18 to 20 years old. They must either present their true identification or none at all if asked by a clerk.

Liquor enforcement officers are empowered to issue Administrative Violation Notices to businesses that fail compliance checks. Fines or temporary license suspensions can be issued depending on the severity of the infraction or the frequency with which a business has been cited.

Businesses that sold alcohol to a minor:

- Safeway #1594, 707 South 56th Street
- Fred Meyer #385, 7250 Pacific Avenue
- Save-A-Lot, 1105 Martin Luther King Way
- Chevron-HADI, 1101 South Sprague
- Sprague Shell, 1401 South Sprague
- Discount Food, 2501 South 12th Street
- Tagger's Mini Mart, 6615 South 12th Street

Businesses that did not sell alcohol to a minor:

- Cost Plus World Market, 4036 Tacoma Mall Boulevard
- Bevmo!, 2330 South 37th Street
- Safeway #1437, 1302 South 38th Street
- Albertson's #498, 111 South 38th Street
- Walgreen's #05150, 3737 Pacific Avenue
- Walgreen's #09590, 5602 Pacific Avenue
- Rite Aid #5271, 7041 Pacific Avenue
- Walgreen's #03581, 8405 Pacific Avenue
- Safeway #1436, 1624 72nd Street
- Blackstone Mini Market, 8247 Pacific Avenue
- Safeway #329, 1112 M. Street



- Main Street Grocery, 901 Martin Luther King Way
- Tesoro, Speed E Mart, 1101 South 19th Street
- 76 Food Mart, 1901 Martin Luther King Way
- Stop N Mart, 1501 South 15th Street
- I Street Market, 721 I Street
- Jim's Deli, Handy Mart Grocery-Deli, 402 Tacoma Avenue
- King's Deli, 326 Tacoma Avenue
- Stadium Thriftway, 618 North I Street
- Jackson's Shell, 801 Division Street
- 7-Eleven, 202 I Street North
- Corner Store, 602 North K Street
- Tacoma City Grocery, 1250 Pacific Avenue
- Checkers II/SPIRIT, 2301 South 12th Street
- EZ Food Store, 2728 12th Street
- Lucky III Food Market, 3601 South 12th Street
- Proctor Fuel Stop 76, 3907 South 12th Street
- T.C. Deli & Grocery, 6701 South 12th Street

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