

Compliance Checks in Wood County, WV

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Saturday evening eleven stores in Wood County were a part of compliance checks.

The checks were coordinated with The Sober Program, the WV State Police and the WV A.B.C.A to make sure stores aren't selling alcohol to minors.

The Brierwood IGA on Route 2 was cited for selling alcohol to a minor.

The Sober Program's coordinator Kelly Shook wants to stress to the public the importance of these routine checks, "The enforcement's important but the education is also important. If we can get adults to quite providing alcohol for teenagers then we wont have this problem anymore."

After a businesses is cited for selling to a minor The Sober Program offers them something called TIPS training.

TIPS training is a nationally recognized program for servers and sellers of alcohol. TIPS teaches responsible selling techniques to employees and offers a three year certification.

WV State Trooper Lance Morrison is a member of The Sober Program and wants to reduce the number of teenagers that are killed due to alcohol related incidents.

If a business is cited for selling to minors the business can be suspended, lose their liquor license, or be shut down.

The Sober Program conducts 12 annual compliance checks a year.