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Local Businesses Pass Police Alcohol Compliance Checks

SAFE in Northern Michigan, a youth substance use prevention program and partner organization of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, recently completed alcohol compliance checks at local businesses with the help of the Michigan State Police. Compliance checks are conducted periodically at randomly selected alcohol-selling businesses to ensure they are prohibiting the sale of alcohol to minors.

When conducting a check, an underage youth is under the supervision of a police officer and enters a store in attempt to purchase alcohol. If the employee sells the alcohol to the minor, the police immediately issue a citation. SAFE in Northern Michigan has congratulated the following businesses for passing the compliance checks, by refusing the sale of alcohol to minors and protecting area youth.

- **Walgreen's** - 1301 US-31 Petoskey (North)
- **EZ Mart (North)** - 12665 US-31 Charlevoix
- **Krist (#041)** - 12969 US-31 Charlevoix
- **Bridge Street Wine and Spirits** - 100 Belvedere Ave Charlevoix
- **Holiday Gas Station** - 1408 Bridge St Charlevoix
- **Next Door Food Store** - 1505 Bridge St Charlevoix
- **Walgreens** - 1500 Bridge St Charlevoix
- **Meijer Gas Station** - 2141 US-131 Petoskey

Susan Pulaski, SAFE in Northern Michigan Project Director, shared, "Our goal is that all businesses successfully pass the compliance checks and don't sell to minors. It is really a simple process if the clerk looks at the ID and it is vertical then the person is under 21 and they should not sell."

SAFE in Northern Michigan exists to prevent youth substance use, increase community awareness and create change through collaboration, education, prevention initiatives and environmental strategies of tobacco, alcohol, and other substance use in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties. For more information visit www.SAFEinNM.com

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information, visit nwhealth.org.

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