

TABC goes undercover at Fiesta



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San Antonio -- Agents go undercover at Fiesta, looking to bust vendors who illegally sell beer to minors.

While some people go to Fiesta for the food and music, a lot go for the drinks.

So, Friday night, Texas [Alcoholic Beverage Commission](#) agents went undercover to keep you safe, even when this gets out of hand. They allowed News 4 WOAI reporter Mireya Villarreal to tag along.



Their first stop is the Fiesta Carnival at the Alamodome parking lot. Undercover agents sent a 16-year-old girl to beer booths to see whether workers will sell her alcohol. She has an I-D, but it clearly says she's underage.

At the first two booths, it's a no-go. But at the third the teen walks away with a bottle of beer. Agents ticketed the worker who actually sold the beer. They tell us the people who run the booth could also be fined. Reporter Mireya Villarreal tried to ask a manager why they broke the law. But he said he was too busy to talk and asks us to leave.

Our next stop was NIOSA, where there are dozens of booths that sell alcohol. Our 16-year-old tries to buy alcohol at four different places, but walks away empty-handed.

"Every time alcohol is consumed irresponsibly it could create a lot of problems," TABC agent, Craig Smith, told us.

Out of the seven booths we visited tonight only one sold to this teenager.

Smith tells us it's a sign his agents and most vendors are working to make sure you have a fun and safe at fiesta.

If you're busted selling to a minor you could face up to a \$4,000 fine and up to one year in jail.