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Fleet Tracking Ideas?

As the Missouri program continues to expand we are outgrowing our current fleet management spreadsheet system. I'm looking for new ideas on how to ensure our bikes are being taken care of by the sponsors who borrow them.

Specifically, what method do you use to track your bikes? Do you make keep photo records? How do you ensure the borrowers are doing the proper maintenance? How do you know your bikes are still being kept in the same condition and location as when you loaned them out?

Any and all suggestions or feedback is welcome.

GEORGIA

Mike,
I don't loan anything out. Sorry I couldn't help.

-Jim Kelly

MISSOURI

Hi Phil,

I don't have much expertise in ADA matters but I *think* the Reasonable Accommodation rules require a documented disability. My question would be whether the need for supplemental oxygen meets that definition?

We had this issue come up last year in MO, and we concluded the odds of a personal oxygen tank exploding on impact with the ground are extremely low. The only real threat would be be if the regulator valve busted off making the cylinder a missile. That was the rationale we used in our case.

Regarding counseling the guy out for not being able to execute the turnaround without getting winded, if that was the student's only weakness I think the instructor was too heavy handed. Every instructor has had classes where students had trouble with those turnarounds. Students with short inseams, very heavy or very slight students, physically weak students, the slope of a range...there are quite a few reasons a student could have an issue with the turnarounds. Nearly 100% of the instructors I've ever seen will either be patient or actually give the student a push from the back of the bike to assist. I'll bet anybody on this list a steak dinner that it happens at all of our ranges at one time or another. I guarantee it.

In teaching or observing hundreds of classes this is the first time I've ever heard of a student getting the

boot because they weren't executing the turnaround to the instructor's satisfaction. If they were doing everything else right I would've let them stay since that's the last time they ever need to do that for the rest of the class.

But I'm sure if your instructor wants my opinion they'll ask for it. :)

-Michael Davis