



# FACT SHEET

## Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue Card

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- **What does the CORSAR card do?**

The "CORSAR" Card helps everyone that plays or works in Colorado's great outdoors **help search and rescue (SAR) teams and sheriffs** obtain reimbursement of **their** expenses of search and rescue missions, by paying into the Colorado Search and Rescue Fund.

- **How does it work?**

When you purchase a CORSAR Card, \$2 to \$9 goes into the fund. Twenty-five cents of each Colorado hunting and fishing license, Colorado Habitat Stamp and boat, snowmobile and off-highway vehicle registrations also goes into the fund. The fund then reimburses county sheriffs and search and rescue teams for some expenses, such as lost or damaged equipment and mileage; And it helps equip and train Colorado's search and rescue teams through grants.

- **Why should anyone buy one?**

If a SAR team happens to incur any expenses during a mission for you, they don't bill it to you. They (or the county sheriff under whom they operate) actually absorb that cost! Buying a CORSAR Card helps ensure that a county sheriff and the SAR team are financially prepared for the next mission — just as they were able to help you because persons they had previously rescued had a card and the team's costs were reimbursed.

- **What happens if I don't have a SAR card?**

If someone does not have a Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue Card (or one of the licenses or registrations) the county and its search and rescue team will of course respond to your call for help and do everything they can to assist you. But if a financially-strapped county or SAR team accrues un-reimbursed costs, it may be difficult for them to properly respond to your emergency.

- **How does the card assist SAR teams?**

Through SAR Fund grants, SAR teams and sheriffs can purchase SAR equipment such as radios, oxygen bottles, ropes and snowmobiles, and send team members to special SAR training courses. The fund pays for team's or volunteers' personal equipment that is damaged, destroyed or lost during SAR missions.

- **Is this "insurance?"**

**NO.**

The SAR Card is not "insurance." **When SAR teams are called and carry out the mission, they won't bill you.** Never wait to call for help. Delaying a call for a SAR team can cause needless danger in a rescue, or unnecessarily complicate a search for a missing person. Always err on the side of caution and call 911 as soon as possible.

- **How can I buy one?**

CORSAR cards are available at most outdoor sports shops. To buy one by telephone, call the Colorado SAR Fund program office at (970) 248-7310.

The Colorado Search and Rescue Board is the consortium of search and rescue teams, county sheriffs and support organizations across Colorado. On behalf of the State of Colorado, the CSRB coordinates resources for requesting sheriffs and SAR agencies and conducts SAR training across the state.