



## Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue Card The "CORSAR Card"



Purchase a card online at

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dola/node/98966>

### What does it do?

The "CORSAR" Card helps everyone that plays or works in Colorado's great outdoors assist SAR teams and sheriffs obtain reimbursement of expenses of search and rescue missions they incur, by paying into the Colorado Search and Rescue Fund. Twenty-five cents of each Colorado hunting and fishing license, Colorado Habitat Stamp; and boat, snowmobile and off-highway vehicle registration also goes into the fund.

### How does it work?

When you [purchase](#) a CORSAR Card, the fund reimburses county sheriffs and SAR teams for many expenses, such as lost or damaged equipment and mileage. And the Colorado SAR Fund helps equip and train Colorado's search and rescue teams through grants.

### Why should anyone buy one?

If a SAR team incurs expenses during a mission, they don't bill it to the person they helped. They (or the county sheriff under whom they operate) 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 ready to help **you** because previous people they helped had a card and the team's expenses 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 above) the county or its search and rescue team will of course respond to your call for help. But if a financially-strapped county or SAR team accrues un-reimbursed extraordinary costs over time, 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, rope, avy transceivers, climbing gear, ATVs or snowmobiles; and send team members to special SAR training courses. The fund can also pay for team or volunteers' equipment that is damaged or lost during SAR missions.

### Is this "insurance?"

**NO.** The SAR Card is not "insurance" nor is "insurance" needed. **When Colorado's SAR teams carry out the search or rescue mission, they won't bill you.** The CORSAR card does not cover any medical transportation costs you may incur, such as a ground or air ambulance.

Never wait to call for help. It can cause needless danger in a rescue, or complicate a search for a missing party. Err on the side of caution and call 9-1-1 as soon as possible.

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