

CSAR Fact Sheet

The California Sex and Arson Registry (CSAR) is California's mandated repository for sex and arson registration information and is used by law enforcement agencies (LEAs) to register sex and arson offenders pursuant to California Penal Code (PC) sections 290 and 457.1.

What is CSAR

- Web-based application, residing on DOJ's secure network connection
- California's sex and arson registration repository containing real-time sex and arson registration data for all of California registrants, including all historical data regardless of when or where registrant registered in California
- Can be used for registration and investigative purposes

Why use CSAR

- California's mandated repository for all of California's 135,00 sex and arson registrant records
- No cost or software required (connection to DOJ network required)
- Easy to use Graphical User Interface (GUI)
- Single point of entry (CSAR ORI Daily File available for upload to LEA's Record Management Systems to eliminate duplicate data entry)
- Multiple reports for tracking, monitoring, apprehending, and prosecuting registrants\
- Annually updated registration forms - PDF pre populated and fillable
- Access to all images for registrants registration history
- Full Query access to all CSAR records (over 300 data fields)
- Full Entry-Update functionality for most data fields and sections
- All registration time frames (violation clocks and statuses) process programmatically according to PC §§ 290 and 457.1.
- Interfaces - real-time, daily or weekly data exchanges and updates with the following systems:
 - CDCR - Strategic Offender Management System (SOMS)
 - CA Department of Health Services Death Index
 - National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR)
 - Mental Health Systems (MHS)
 - Supervise Release File (SRF)
 - Open Image Management System (OIMS)
 - California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS)
 - Live Scan
 - CSAR Business Partner Notifications
 - Megan's Law Public Website
 - Law Enforcement Megan's Law
 - Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
 - Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website
- Interactive and easy to use training material

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- Experienced Help Desk

When do you use CSAR

- For registration purposes
- To search and locate registrants
- For 290 enforcement/compliance
- For prosecuting 290 violations
- For investigations regarding sex or arson related crimes
- To produce registration and agency statistics and reports
- For planning and resource allocation

Who can use CSAR

- Police Departments, Sherriff's Offices, College Campus Police Departments, Probation and Parole, District Attorneys, Coroners, State and Federal agencies, and LEA personnel such as 290 enforcement officers, registration officers, records personnel, dispatchers, analysts, beat cops, and investigators, just to name a few

How to access CSAR

- Contact CSAR Help Desk at 916-227-4123 or VCIC.CSAR@doj.ca.gov or CLEW
- LEAs can create and manage their own users accounts through the Justice Identity Management System (JIMS)