

Colorado Springs Wrongful Death Action Sheet

Understand your rights and the steps to take after a wrongful death in Colorado.

Based on *Wrongful Death* by McCormick and Murphy

Filing Deadlines & Order of Priority

- Surviving spouse: First year after death.
- Children: If no spouse or spouse doesn't file (first year).
- Parents or designated person: After one year if no claim filed.
- Heirs under intestacy law: After two years.

Key Considerations

- Understand the specific order of who can file.
- Be aware of strict filing deadlines.
- Seek legal advice to navigate the process.
- Ensure justice for the family.

Who Can File a Claim?

- Surviving Spouse
- Children
- Parents
- Designated Person in Will
- Heirs under Colorado Intestacy Law

Legal Process

- Identify eligible parties.
- Adhere to statutory timelines.
- Consult with an experienced attorney.
- Gather necessary documentation.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this action sheet:

■ Colorado Wrongful Death Claim Checklist

<https://storage.googleapis.com/mccormick-and-murphy-checklists-20260706-65ee7b/mccormick-and-murphy/Checklist/colorado-wrongful-death-claim-checklist.pdf>

■ Distracted Driving Accident Checklist

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