

Colorado Springs Wrongful Death Action Sheet

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

Based on *Wrongful Death* by McCormick and Murphy

Filing Deadlines

- Consult an attorney immediately to understand deadlines.
- Note the specific filing order for claims.
- Be aware of the one-year, two-year, and subsequent filing windows.

Who Can File a Claim

- Spouse: First year after death.
- Children: If no spouse or spouse does not file.
- Parents/Designated Person: After one year if no claim filed.
- Heirs: After two years under intestacy law.

Key Legal Considerations

- Understand Colorado's specific order of priority for claimants.
- Recognize the law prioritizes those closest to the deceased.
- Ensure justice is sought on behalf of the family.

Seeking Legal Counsel

- Contact a wrongful death lawyer promptly.
- Discuss your specific situation and eligibility to file.
- Gather all relevant documentation for your case.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this action sheet:

■ Wrongful Death Claim Checklist

<https://storage.googleapis.com/mccormick-and-murphy-checklists-20260710-3eaad2/mccormick-and-murphy/Checklist/wrongful-death-claim-checklist.pdf>

■ Understanding Wrongful Death Claims in Colorado (Workbook)

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