

Colorado Springs Wrongful Death Claims

Understanding who can file a wrongful death lawsuit in Colorado.

Based on *Wrongful Death* by McCormick and Murphy

Surviving Spouse	First Year Filing Priority
Children	Second Year Filing Priority
Parents or Will Designee	Third Year Filing Priority
Heirs under Intestacy Law	Fourth Year Filing Priority

Strict Filing Order

Colorado law dictates a specific sequence for who can initiate a wrongful death claim, prioritizing immediate family.

Timelines are Crucial

The right to file a claim changes over time, with different parties gaining the ability to sue after specific periods.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this summary:

■ Wrongful Death Claim Checklist

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■ Understanding Wrongful Death Claims in Colorado (Workbook)

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Colorado law prioritizes those closest to the deceased in wrongful death claims.