

Wrongful Death Claim Timeline in Colorado Springs

Navigating the order of who can file a wrongful death claim.

Based on Wrongful Death by McCormick and Murphy

First Year After Death: Surviving Spouse's Filing Window

- Surviving spouse has the exclusive right to file a wrongful death claim.
- If no spouse, or spouse does not file, children can then file.



After First Year (if no claim filed): Parents or Designated Heir Filing

- Parents of the deceased may file a claim.
- A person designated in the deceased's will can file a claim.



After Two Years (if no claim filed): Heirs Under Intestacy Law

- Heirs as defined by Colorado intestacy law can pursue the claim.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this timeline:

■ Wrongful Death Claim Filing Rights in Colorado (Comparison)

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■ Wrongful Death Claim Checklist

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