

# COLORADO'S STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS

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**ALWAYS CHECK EVERY TIME** to see which statute of limitation applies to your case - these are general descriptions; **check to be sure**

#### **THE MOST COMMON ARE:**

- 13-80-101:** three years; including: contract; fraud; breach of fiduciary duty; UCC claims; replevin; personal injury claims arising from operation of motor vehicle under Title 42, Article 7.
- 13-80-102:** two years; including torts; negligence; trespass; strict liability; professional malpractice (*veterinarians, attorneys, accountants*); personal injury; wrongful death; actions against govt entity or public employee; liability based on federal statute (*including ADA claims*); **any claim where statute of limitations is not otherwise defined**
- 13-80-102.5:** two years; medical/health care; claims against health care institutions or professionals
- 13-80-103:** one year; civil torts claims arising from criminal acts, libel/slander; claims against law enforcement; motor vehicle repair claims; claims against real estate brokers/salesmen
- 13-80-103.5:** six years; including actions to recover debt; arrears of rent; bad checks
- 13-80-103.7** sexual assault or sexual offense against a child: **After 1 Jan 22, No Limit.** [13-80-103.7](#)
- 13-80-103.8** Five years; civil forfeiture relating to criminal acts
- 13-80-103.9** – w/in 2 years of age of majority; Failure to perform background check, injury to child
- 13-80-104** 6 years; Claims against Architects, contractors, builders, engineers & inspectors
- 13-80-105** Three years; Claims against land surveyor after discovery, and no more than 10 years after completion of survey
- 13-80-106** 2 years; Claims against manufacturers, except where minor, imprisoned, or disabled
- 13-80-107** 2 years; Claims vs. manufacturers of new products; must be brought w/in 7 yrs of first use
- 13-80-107.5** 3 years; Uninsured or under-insured motorists (*exceptions detailed in the statute*)
- 13-80-112** When action survives death

### **DISCOVERY OF HARM RULE**

Colorado recognizes the “discovery of harm” exception to the standard statute of limitations in personal injury cases:

The “discovery of harm” rule means the statute of limitation does not begin to run until the injured person discovers or reasonably should have discovered the injury, and where an injured person had no knowledge of either the injury itself; or the fact that the defendant’s actions may have caused the injury.

*Comstock v. Collier*, 737 P.2d 845 (Colo.1987);  
*Owens v. Brochner*, 474 P.2d 603 (Colo. 1970);  
*Rauschenberger v. Radetsky*, 745 P.2d 640 (Colo. 1987).

### **STATUTES OF LIMITATION FOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES**

#### **FELONIES:**

**CRS §16-5-401:** Limitation For Commencing Criminal Proceedings And Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings

**NONE:** Murder; kidnapping; treason; any sex offense against a child; forgery; attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit murder, kidnapping, any sex offense against a child, or forgery; sex assault if reported within 20 years and there is DNA evidence.

**10 YRS:** Felony sexual assault; felony unlawful sexual contact; attempt, conspiracy or solicitation of felony sexual assault or felony sexual contact.

**5 YRS:** Misdemeanor unlawful sexual contact; leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death of a person (*10 years if CRS §16-5-401(1)(a.5) conditions are met*).

**3 YRS:** Other felonies. and bribery; abuse of public office; violations of the Fair Campaign Practices Act; theft of trade secrets.

#### **MISDEMEANORS 18 MONTHS.;**

**1 YEAR:** Class I and II and traffic offenses  
**6 MONTHS:** petty offenses

#### **Acts During Which Statute Does Not Run**

Absent from state: 5 yrs. max extension

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