

# STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS IN COLORADO

## CRIMINAL

OFFENSE	STATUTE	COMMENTS
<b>Murder</b>	No time limit <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	
<b>Kidnapping</b>	No time limit <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	
<b>Treason</b>	No time limit <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	
<b>Sex offense against a child</b>	No time limit <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 1996
<b>Forgery</b>	No time limit <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	
<b>Attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit murder</b>	No time limit <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	
<b>Attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit kidnapping</b>	No time limit <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	
<b>Attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit treason</b>	No time limit <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	
<b>Attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit any sex offense against a child</b>	No time limit <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 1996
<b>Attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit forgery</b>	No time limit <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	
<b>Vehicular homicide</b>	Five years <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run upon discovery of the criminal act
<b>Leaving the scene of an accident that resulted in death</b>	Five years <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run upon discovery of the criminal act
<b>All other felonies</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run upon discovery of the criminal act
<b>Misdemeanors</b>	18 months <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run upon discovery of the criminal act
<b>Class 1 and 2 misdemeanor traffic offenses</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run upon discovery of the criminal act
<b>Petty offenses</b>	6 months <i>C.R.S. 16-5-401(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run upon discovery of the criminal act
<b>Criminal violations of the Colorado Commodity Code</b>	Five years <i>C.R.S. 11-53-204(4) (2009)</i>	Begins to run upon commission of the offense
<b>Actions pursuant to the Colorado Antitrust Act of 1992</b>	Six years <i>C.R.S. 6-4-118 (2009)</i>	Begins to run when the act complained of occurs

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<b>Negligence</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date both the injury and its cause are known or should have been known by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Trespass</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date both the injury and its cause are known or should have been known by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Malicious abuse of process</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date both the injury and its cause are known or should have been known by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Malicious prosecution</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date both the injury and its cause are known or should have been known by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Outrageous conduct</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date both the injury and its cause are known or should have been known by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Interference with relationships</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date both the injury and its cause are known or should have been known by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Tortious breach of contract</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date both the injury and its cause are known or should have been known by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Actions against a veterinarian</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(c) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date both the injury and its cause are known or should have been known by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Wrongful death</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(d) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date of death
<b>Actions against any public or governmental entity or employee of a public or governmental entity</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(f) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date both the injury and its cause are known or should have been known by the exercise of reasonable diligence

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<b>Actions regarding used motor vehicle sales</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(j) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date of sale
<b>Recovery of damages for checks, drafts or orders not paid upon presentment</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(k) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date the debt becomes due
<b>Actions to recognize a foreign country judgment</b>	Must be commenced within the time the foreign country judgment is effective, or 15 years from the date the foreign country judgment became effective, whichever is earlier <i>C.R.S. 13-62-109 (2009)</i>	
<b>Personal contract actions and actions under the Uniform Commercial Code</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-101(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Accrues from the time of the breach of contract or the date it should have been discovered by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Actions for fraud, misrepresentation, concealment or deceit</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-101(1)(c) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date the damage should have been discovered by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Actions for breach of trust or fiduciary duty</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-101(1)(f) (2009)</i>	
<b>Claims under the Uniform Consumer Credit Code</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-101(1)(g) (2009)</i>	
<b>Actions to recover debt</b>	Six years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103.5(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Begins after the cause of action accrues
<b>Written payoff statements for real estate</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103.5(1)(a) (2009)</i>	
<b>Arrears of rent</b>	Six years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103.5(1)(b) (2009)</i>	Begins after the cause of action accrues
<b>Actions by the public employees' retirement association to collect unpaid contributions</b>	Six years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103.5(1)(d) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date the nonpayment is discovered or should have been discovered by the exercise of reasonable diligence.
<b>Actions by the state department for restitution and civil penalties under the Colorado Medical Assistance Act</b>	Six years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103.5(1)(e) (2009)</i>	

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<b>Actions of replevin</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-101(1)(h) (2009)</i>	
<b>Actions for taking, detaining, or converting goods or chattels</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-101(1)(h) (2009)</i>	Begins to run from the time the wrongful possession is discovered or should have been discovered by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Actions under the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-101(1)(i) (2009)</i>	
<b>Actions against a railroad company for failure to plow along its railroad lines</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-101(1)(l) (2009)</i>	
<b>Actions for recovery of erroneous or excessive refunds of any tax</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-101(1)(m) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date the Department of Revenue issues the refund
<b>Tort actions for bodily injury or property damage arising from the use of a motor vehicle</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-101(1)(n) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date that both the existence of the injury or damage and the cause of the injury or damage are known, or should have been known by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Actions against a ski area operator or its employees for damage to person or property</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 33-44-111 (2009)</i>	Begins when the claim for relief arises
<b>Actions for fraud where there was actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud any creditor or debtor</b>	Four years <i>C.R.S. 38-8-110 (2009)</i>	Begins at the time the transfer was made
<b>Actions for fraud where there was not a reasonably equivalent value in exchange for the transfer or obligation</b>	Four years <i>C.R.S. 38-8-110 (2009)</i>	Begins at the time the transfer was made or the obligation was incurred
<b>Civil actions based on sexual assault or sexual offense against a child</b>	Six years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103.7 (2009)</i>	Begins at the time the child turns 18, or within six years of the cause of action, whichever occurs later

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<b>Actions against architects, contractors, builders, builder vendors, engineers, inspectors, and others</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-104 (2009)</i>	Begins at the time the claim for relief arises (when the defect should have been reasonably discovered)
<b>Causes of action against a person who is out of state and not subject to service, or who has concealed himself</b>	Any statute will not begin to run until the person comes into the state or while the person is concealed. <i>C.R.S. 13-80-118 (2009)</i>	
<b>Actions to enforce the terms of a building restriction on real property</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 38-41-119 (2009)</i>	Begins at the date of violation for which the action is sought
<b>Actions to compel the removal of any building or improvement on land due to violation of building restrictions</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 38-41-119 (2009)</i>	Begins at the date of violation for which the action is sought
<b>Assault</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run after the cause of action accrues
<b>Battery</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run after the cause of action accrues
<b>False imprisonment</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run after the cause of action accrues
<b>False arrest</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run after the cause of action accrues
<b>Libel and slander</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103(1)(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run after the cause of action accrues
<b>Actions for the escape of prisoners</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103(1)(b) (2009)</i>	Begins to run after the cause of action accrues
<b>Actions against sheriffs, coroners, police officers, firefighters, national guardsmen, or any other law enforcement authority</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103(1)(c) (2009)</i>	Begins to run after the cause of action accrues
<b>Actions for any penalty or forfeiture of any penal statutes</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103(1)(d) (2009)</i>	Begins to run after the cause of action accrues
<b>Actions under the Motor Vehicle Repair Act of 1979</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103(1)(e) (2009)</i>	Begins to run after the cause of action accrues
<b>Actions brought under the Real Estate Recovery Fund</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103(1)(g) (2009)</i>	Begins to run after the cause of action accrues
<b>Actions alleging liability for commission of a Class A or Class B traffic infraction</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103(1)(h) (2009)</i>	Begins to run after the cause of action accrues

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<b>Actions to enforce a right under the “letters of credit” section of the Uniform Commercial Code</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 4-5-115 (2009)</i>	Begins from the date of the relevant letter of credit or one year after the cause of action accrues, whichever is later
<b>Claims against a decedent’s estate that arose before the death of the decedent</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 15-12-803(1)(a)(III) (2009)</i>	Begins to run upon the decedent’s death
<b>Claims against a decedent’s estate that arise at or after the death of the decedent</b>	Four months <i>C.R.S. 15-12-803(2) (2009)</i>	Begins to run after the claim arises, or when performance of the personal representative is due
<b>Actions pursuant to the Colorado Antitrust Act of 1992</b>	Four years <i>C.R.S. 6-4-118 (2009)</i>	Begins to run from the date the cause of action accrued
<b>Actions for misappropriation of trade secrets</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 7-74-107 (2009)</i>	Begins the date the misappropriation is discovered or should have been discovered through by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Actions for child support collection under the Colorado Child Support Collection Consumer Protection Act</b>	Five years <i>C.R.S. 12-14.1-112 (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date of the violation
<b>Claims under the Drug Dealer Liability Act</b>	Four years <i>C.R.S. 13-21-810 (2009)</i>	Begins to run after the cause of action accrues, which is when a person who may recover has reason to know the harm from the illegal drug use is the basis of the cause of action.
<b>Claims under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act of 1992</b>	Seven years <i>C.R.S. 18-18-603 (2009)</i>	Begins when the claim for relief became known or should become known, excluding time during which a party is out of state, in confinement or during criminal proceedings relating to the party.
<b>Actions pursuant to the Air Quality Control Program</b>	Five years <i>C.R.S. 25-7-123.1 (2009)</i>	Begins at the time of the alleged violation

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<b>Actions to enforce the provisions of motor vehicle warranties</b>	Six months <i>C.R.S. 42-10-107 (2009)</i>	Begins to run at the expiration date of any warranty term or within one year following the original delivery of a motor vehicle to a consumer, whichever is earliest
<b>Actions for damages as a result of a nuclear incident</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 42-20-510 (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date on which the injured person first knew, or reasonably could have known, of the injury or damage. However, actions must be brought within 40 years after the date of the nuclear incident.
<b>Malpractice</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102 (2009)</i>	Begins at the time the injury was or should have been discovered. Can't exceed three years after the act that caused the injury.
<b>Product liability</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102 (2009)</i>	
<b>Actions accruing outside of the state of Colorado if the limitation in the outside state is greater than that of Colorado</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-101(1)(k) (2009)</i>	
<b>An action to enforce an obligation, duty or right regarding bank deposits and collections under the Uniform Commercial Code</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 4-4-11 (2009)</i>	Begins when the cause of action accrues
<b>Actions for civil liability for violation of disclosure provisions under the Consumer Credit Code</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 5-5-202(5) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date of the violation
<b>Actions brought by a lessee regarding rental purchase agreements under the Consumer Credit Code</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 5-10-905 (2009)</i>	Begins to run when the lessee knew or should have known of the alleged violation
<b>Personal injury actions against a co-employee solely for negligence</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 8-2-204 (2009)</i>	
<b>Claims involving the sale of securities</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 11-51-604(8) (2009)</i>	Begins on the date of sale

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<b>Actions pursuant to the Uniform Debt Management Services Act</b>	Four years <i>C.R.S. 12-14.5-237 (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date of the conduct that is the basis for the complaint
<b>Actions regarding the sale of liquor to a minor by a licensee</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 12-47-801(3)(a)(II) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date of sale
<b>Actions for strict liability, absolute liability, or failure to instruct or warn</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(b) (2009)</i>	Begins to run on the date both the injury and its cause are known or should have been known by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<b>Actions for which there are no set statutes of limitation</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-102(i) (2009)</i>	
<b>Actions against a school for failure to perform an education employment required background check</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-103.9(3) (2009)</i>	Begins to run at the time the plaintiff turns 18
<b>Actions against manufacturers or sellers of products</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-106 (2009)</i>	Begins to run when claim for relief arises
<b>Actions against manufacturers or sellers of new manufacturing equipment</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-107 (2009)</i>	Begins to run when the claim for relief arises
<b>Actions pertaining to insurance protection against uninsured and underinsured motorists</b>	Three years <i>C.R.S. 13-80-107.5 (2009)</i>	Begins to run when the cause of action arises
<b>Claims for relief to recover from a custodial trustee for fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment</b>	Five years <i>C.R.S. 15-1.5-116(3) (2009)</i>	Begins to run upon termination of the custodial contract
<b>Claims by a decedent's creditor</b>	One year <i>C.R.S. 15-12-1006 (2009)</i>	Begins to run upon decedent's death
<b>Charges alleging discriminatory or unfair employment practice</b>	Six months <i>C.R.S. 24-34-403 (2009)</i>	Begins to run from the time the alleged practice occurred
<b>Actions pursuant to the State Hazardous Waste Management Program</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 25-15-308(4)(a) (2009)</i>	Begins to run from the date the alleged violation occurred
<b>Actions for the recovery of mining or placer</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 39-12-102 (2009)</i>	Begins to run from actual possession obtained under a tax deed
<b>Actions against railroad companies for damages caused by fire</b>	Two years <i>C.R.S. 40-30-103 (2009)</i>	Begins to run from the time relief accrues