

Your Rights After A Sudden Loss



A Quick Legal Guide For
Missouri & Kansas Families

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Losing someone suddenly is devastating. When grief blends with confusion or doubt, it can feel impossible to know where to turn. This guide isn't about lawsuits - it's about helping you feel less overwhelmed, informed, and quietly supported - when and if you choose to be.

WHAT IS WRONGFUL DEATH?

Where a death is caused by someone else's negligence or misconduct, Missouri and Kansas law allow families to seek accountability - and sometimes compensation - for their loss.

EXAMPLES:

- Trucking accidents due to overworked or improperly trained drivers
- Pedestrian fatalities in crosswalks or parking lots due to distracted driving
- Structural collapses, such as decks, stages, or bleachers, due to poor construction or neglect



INTRODUCTION

IMPORTANT INFO



DEADLINES & TIMELINES

- Missouri: 3 years from the date your loved one passed
- Kansas: 2 years from the date of death

WHAT YOU CAN POTENTIALLY RECOVER

- Funeral & medical costs
- Lost income or support
- Lost companionship or guidance
- Pain and suffering for the person who passed
- In some situations, punitive damages

WHO CAN FILE

Missouri:

- Spouse, children (incl. adopted), parents
- Then: siblings or their descendants
- Finally: estate's representative/court-appointed

Kansas:

- Any heir (spouse, child, parent, sibling), usually filed by the estate's representative



WHEN YOU'RE READY

If you ever want to talk, know:

- It's free to ask us your questions
- We never push you into filing
- Everything stays private

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Or just keep this guide - your pace matters most.