

# IMPORTANT TORT DEADLINES

Notice Periods	Length of Time
Highway Defect: §13a-144 (state)/§13a-149 (local)	90 days (2 yr. Statute of Limitations).
Dram Shop Statute §30-102	120 days (injury), 180 days (death or incapacity) (1 yr. Statute of Limitations).
Municipal Employee Negligence Claim §7-465	6 months (2 yr. Statute of Limitations).
Volunteer Firefighter/Police Officer/EMT §7-308	6 months (1 yr. Statute of Limitations).
Claims Against the State §4-148 (including med mal, but note: med mal action may be filed in Court without notice within 1 yr., see §4-160(f).	1 yr. from when "sustained or discovered," not to exceed 3 yrs. from date of act or event. (Notice must be filed with the Claims Commissioner.)
Housing Authority Claims §8-67	6 months (2 yr. Statute of Limitations).

Statute of Limitations	Length of Time
Negligence/Reckless Claims (including Medical Malpractice) for Injury to Person or Property §52-584	2 yrs. from when "sustained or discovered," not to exceed 3 yrs. from date of act or omission.
Wrongful Death Claims §52-555	2 yrs. from death, not to exceed 5 yrs. from date of act or omission.
Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Claims §38a-336(g)(1)	Time specified in policy, but no less than 3 yrs. If no time limit specified in policy, 6 yrs. <i>But in UIM claim, SOL may be tolled by (1) notifying insurer of claim in writing, within 3 yrs.; and (2) bringing suit within 180 days from exhaustion of limits of all applicable liability policies.</i>
Product Liability Claims §52-577a	3 yrs. from when first "sustained or discovered," not to exceed 10 yrs. from when defendant parted with possession or control of the product.
Other (incl. intentional acts & legal mal.) §52-577	3 yrs. from date of act or omission.

Other	Length of Time
Service of Complaint §52-46	12 days before return date.
Filing of Complaint §52-46a	6 days before return date.
Offers of Compromise § 52-192a	Medical malpractice: not earlier than 365 days after service of process; def. has 60 days to accept. Other claims: not earlier than 180 days after service of process, def. has 30 days to accept.
Substitution of Estate upon death §52-599(b)	Plaintiff by right, within 6 months of plaintiff's death, or any time prior to trial. Def. by right, 1 yr. after written notice of death. Thereafter, court's discretion for good cause.

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