



Statute of Limitations

Statutes of limitations are laws which say how long, after certain events, a case may be started based on those events.

Case	Time Since	The Law
Arson	No time limit, 2 or 5 years depending on the facts	N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(a) or (b) or (c)
Assault/Battery	1 year from act (Civil); 2 or 5 years depending on the facts (Criminal)	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 215(3) & N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(b) or (c)
Burglary	2 or 5 years depending on the facts	N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(b) or (c)
Car accidents	3 years from date of accident	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214(4);
Class A felony	No statute of limitations	N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(a)
Contract in writing	6 years	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 213(2)
Contract oral or not in writing	6 years	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 213(2)
Debt collection	6 years	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 213(2)
Emotional distress (intentional)	1 year from act	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 215(3); 14 N.Y.Prac., New York Law of Torts § 1:40
Emotional distress (negligent)	3 years from date of accident	75A N.Y. Jur. 2d Limitations and Laches § 215
Enforcing court judgments	20 years	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 211(b)
False imprisonment	1 year (Civil)	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 215(3)
Fraud	6 years	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 213(8)
Kidnapping	No time limit or 5 years depending on the facts	N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(a) or (b)
Legal malpractice	3 years	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214(6)
Libel/Slander	1 year from act	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 215(3)
Manslaughter 1st & 2nd degrees	5 years	N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(b)
Medical malpractice	2 years and 6 months from date of malpractice or from end of continuous treatment rendered by the party or entity you intend to sue for a particular condition, illness or injury	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214-a
Misdemeanors	2 years	N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(c)
Mortgages	6 years	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 213(4)
Murder, 1st degree	No time limit	N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(a)
New York City & New York State	90 days to give notice; 1 year and 90 days	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 217-a
Other felonies	5 years	N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(b)
Other negligence resulting in personal injury	3 years from date of accident	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214(5)
Petty offense	1 year	N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(d)
Product liability	3 years from date of accident	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214(3)
Property damage	3 years	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214(4) or N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214-c
Rape	No time limit	N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(a)
Receiving stolen property	2 or 5 years depending on the facts	N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(b) or (c)
Robbery	5 years	N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(b)
Slip and fall	3 years from date of accident	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214(5)
Store credit cards	4 years	N.Y. UCC 2-725(1)
Theft ("Larceny")	2 or 5 years depending on the facts	N.Y. Crim. Proc. § 30.10(2)(b) or (c)
Trespass	3 years	N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214(4)
Wrongful death	2 years from death	N.Y. E.P.T.L. § 5-4.1

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