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Under Colorado law, any person under eighteen years of age applying for an instruction permit or minor driver's license must also provide an affidavit of liability signed and verified by a parent, guardian or other responsible adult. C.R.S. 42-4-108(1)(a). And any negligence or willful misconduct by that minor who drives a motor vehicle on a highway is imputed to the person who signed the affidavit of liability. C.R.S. 42-4-108(1.5)(c).

Now, any person who signed the affidavit of liability which accompanied the application for a minor driver's license or instruction permit may file a request that the minor driver's license be cancelled, and the department must cancel the minor's license, unless the minor had already reached the age of eighteen.

Divorcing parents may wish to consider including a provision in the parenting plan concerning the affidavit of liability for a minor's driver's license. You may want to require one parent to assume that responsibility or may want to permit withdrawal, depending upon what might make sense for the children. Cancelling a driver's license, which may sound extreme, may be the wakeup call that some kids would heed.



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