

**Colorado Revised Statutes:**  
**Title 13: Courts & Court Procedure:**

**COURTS OF RECORD.**

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS. PART 1. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

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**13-1-114. Powers of Court.**

(1) **Every court has power:**

(a) **To preserve and enforce order in its immediate presence;**

(b) **To enforce order in the proceedings before it or before a person empowered to conduct a judicial investigation under its authority;**

(c) **To compel obedience to its lawful judgments, orders, and process and to the lawful orders of its judge out of court in action or proceeding pending therein;**

(d) **To control, in furtherance of justice, the conduct of its ministerial officers.**

(2) **Any judge of any court, when he reasonably believes that there is a risk of violence in the court, shall immediately advise the law enforcement agency designated to provide security for the court, and the law enforcement agency shall determine and provide appropriate security measures consistent with the degree of risk present.**

For the purpose of this subsection (2),

**a district or county judge shall have the assistance of the county sheriff, and a municipal judge shall have the assistance of the municipal police department.**

The court shall have discretion to assess all or part of the expense incurred in implementing such security measures as costs to be paid by the party or parties or other person or persons determined by the court to have necessitated such security measures.

(3) **Any county sheriff or municipal peace officer providing security for persons involved in judicial proceedings in courts pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall be immune from civil liability for damages except for gross negligence or reckless, wanton, or intentional misconduct.**

**Case Notes, Annotation:**

**A county's duties under subsection (2) may not be reduced or ended pursuant to art. X, § 20(9) of the state constitution. State v. Bd. of County Comm'rs, Mesa County, 897 P.2d 788 (Colo. 1995).**

**Applied in Campbell v. District Court, 304 Colo. 195, 577 P.2d 1096 (1978).**