

**Daily Life - Paranoid** (C0148)

A: Dan, Dan dude. You have to come over to my house right now!

B: Is everything Ok?

A: Just get over here!

A: Come in! Quickly!

B: So, since when is your house a bank?

A: What do you mean?

B: I mean, what's up with the and locks and iron bars on your windows.

A: Security Dan, security! You can never be too safe you know! A lot of sickos out there. Just the other day they caught that peeping tom red handed! Had a high power telescope and binoculars by his window.

B: Whats the matter with you? Why are you acting all paranoid?

A: Paranoid? I'm not paranoid! I'm cautious! You see Dan, we have to be on guard at all time! People just invade your privacy as if they knew you! Telemarketers, solicitors, even your bank! They have way too much information! I like to keep everything on a need to know basis

B: OK, well, what did you want to see me about?

A: You are being watched! Be careful Dan! Be careful!

### Key Vocabulary

sicko	<i>common noun, plural</i>	A deranged, psychotic, or morbidly obsessed person
red handed	<i>phrase</i>	doing something wrong or illegal
invade	<i>principle verb, present simple</i>	to affect in an unwanted way
paranoid	<i>Adjective</i>	having an feeling that people will harm you

need to  
know  
basis

*phrase*

situation where you  
have only the informa-  
tion you need

## Supplementary Vocabulary

schizophrenia

*common noun,  
singular*

a psychotic disorder  
characterized by with-  
drawal from reality,  
hallucinations, or emo-  
tional instability

the grid

informal way of describ-  
ing the network of in-  
formation that can be  
used to keep track of  
someone

trace

*principle verb,  
present simple*

To locate or discover by  
searching or researching  
evidence

peeping  
tom

*common noun,  
singular*

A person who gets  
pleasure, from secretly  
watching others; a  
voyeur.

delusion

*common noun,*  
*singular*

A false belief strongly held in spite of invalidating evidence, especially as a symptom of mental illness