

Effortless English

Nudist

NEIGHBORS GET AN EYEFUL WHEN NUDIST STEPS OUTSIDE

DEAR ABBY:

We have a male neighbor I'll call "Flash" who frequently walks out to get his newspaper -- or the mail, or to **retrieve** something from his car -- while he's as naked as the day he was born. (He's in his late 50s and divorced.)

Some of the women in the neighborhood know not to look toward Flash's home if they're out for a walk. They have discovered that he is most likely **in the buff**, standing at his glass door or sitting at his front office computer with the door open.

Flash is otherwise a likable and helpful neighbor. We **hesitate** to say anything. We do not want to say anything that might destroy that relationship. It's not against the law to be a nudist, or for a woman to go topless in public in this city. However, to see a **fella streak** to his car is a little surprising and **unsettling**, even for another adult.

In the normal **course** of things, he may be **spotted in the nude** once a week. I can only assume this goes on daily, but thankfully, our **paths don't cross** more than once a week. Is this something we should be concerned about?

-- **STARTLED** IN AUSTIN, TEXAS