Back Idioms Lesson 2 - Beginners



cover one's back

- do something to protect yourself from criticism or future blame I was very careful to cover my back when dealing with the lawyers.

get off (someone's) back

- stop criticizing or nagging someone I wish that my mother would get off my back about trying to find a better job.
- not bother someone, remove someone or something as an annoyance I wish my boss would get off my back and stop bothering me.

turn one's back on (someone or something)

- refuse to help someone in trouble or need

The woman turned her back on her friend when the friend asked her for some money.