



Technology taking us further, faster – making you safer

The UK Coastguard is one of the most technologically advanced in the world.

We have ten Coastguard rescue helicopter bases and two fixed wing airbases. Our aircraft services all 11,000 miles of UK coast and covers many miles out to sea.

Capable of reaching difficult spaces and remote places, our helicopters are also sent inland when needed to support mountain and lowland rescues, or to assist other emergency services.

They use state of the art technology including night vision, infrared, thermal imaging, radar and high illumination lighting technology to help us find people in distress and bring them to safety.



HM Coastguard

Stay connected with us

If you're going out to sea, make sure you have (and can use) calling for help equipment so you can make emergency contact with the Coastguard if you need it.

Register your beacon and keep it up to date:

gov.uk/register-406-beacons

All coastal users – don't forget to register with our free safety service. Download the RYA SafeTrx app or register online:

rya.org.uk/knowledge/safety/keep-in-touch/safetrx

Always tell someone your plans and take a fully charged phone.

For further safety advice:

hmcoastguard.uk

Remember, in an emergency on cliffs, at the beach or in the sea, call **999** and ask for the **Coastguard**.

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Emergency!

Beach, coast or sea:
Think 999 Coastguard

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Emergency!

At sea or at the coast – call 999 Coastguard

His Majesty's Coastguard is the national maritime 999 emergency service.

We know that in an emergency every second counts, so we're ready to respond day or night, 365 days a year.

If you're in trouble, one of our Rescue Coordination Centres will send the help you need, which might include Coastguard Rescue Teams, Coastguard rescue helicopters, fixed wing aircraft or lifeboats.

We're here for you when you need us the most.



To search.
To rescue.
To save.

Coastguards in our Rescue Coordination Centres can call upon over 3,500 Coastguard Rescue Service volunteers all around the coast, available 24 hours a day for search and rescue operations.

Every job is different, so our highly skilled rescue teams receive a range of specialist training and rescue equipment for their tasks.

Just some of these tasks include:

- rope, mud and water rescues
- casualty care
- searches for missing and vulnerable people
- safeguarding helicopter landing sites; and
- giving communications support

