



# The Coast Guard

The United States Coast Guard is the branch of the U.S. military responsible for protecting the U.S. Coastline, enforcing border laws, and assisting with water rescues. They are also often involved in fighting crimes such as smuggling and terrorism. The Coast Guard operates on all bodies of water in the U.S., including lakes and rivers. In addition to boats and ships, the Coast Guard also uses helicopters and airplanes.

The Coast Guard is the only branch of the U.S. military that does not answer to the Commander in Chief, the U.S. President. The Coast Guard is part of the Department of Homeland Security. It is the smallest branch of the military. During wartime, the Coast Guard sometimes becomes part of the Navy.

Answer each question TRUE or FALSE:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The Coast Guard is part of the U.S. Navy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The Coast Guard is the smallest branch of the military.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The Coast Guard only operates in the ocean.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The Coast Guard sometimes helps to fight crime.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Coast Guard vehicles include helicopters and airplanes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The Coast Guard answers to the Commander in Chief.