



Have you ever heard
the expression "the
coast is clear?"

As many English idioms, "the coast is clear" shouldn't have its meaning taken literally. This expression came into use in the 1500s, and, back then, it was used to say that there were no enemies on the beach when someone was attempting a landing from the sea in hostile territory. Nowadays, this phrase has a figurative meaning and it is commonly used to say that there is no risk of doing something because nobody is nearby to see you.

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