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## DO YOU NEED EXTRA INSURANCE WHEN RENTING A CAR

Your decision on whether to buy extra insurance for your rental car depends on your personal auto coverage or lack thereof. To be sure on what protection you already have in place or might need, always check with your personal or corporate auto insurance policy. By doing this you can determine if you carry adequate rental car insurance. Though you will be covered more often than not, there are instances where this coverage is not included in your policy due to the additional cost to add it.

Most car rental companies offer **Collision Damage Waiver** to cover damage to their rentals. Before you purchase such coverage it is wise to ask your insurer a few questions before you step up to the rental counter:

1. Does my personal auto insurance policy cover any damage to a rental car?
2. Does my personal homeowners' policy cover the theft of my personal property from a rental car?
3. Does my personal auto insurance, homeowners insurance, or employee medical insurance cover injuries from an accident in a rental car?

No matter what you decide, do not drive without sufficient protection under any circumstance. Though car rental companies offer **Collision or Loss Damage Waiver**, these do not usually cover damages made to another car or third party damages. Your personal or corporate auto insurance normally covers your **Liability** in damages to another car. It's wise to always check with your insurance agent *before* renting a vehicle.

### NON-OWNED AUTO LIABILITY INSURANCE

A Non-Owned Liability Auto insurance policy typically covers you for damage you may cause to some else's car and Liability for injuries to its occupants, or to pedestrian, in the event of an accident. The policy can also provide Medical Payments coverage for you and your passengers, and some insurers will also offer the option of Under-insured and Uninsured coverage. This pays for the cost of an accident involving a hit-and-run driver or a driver who has little or no insurance. Instead of buying Liability coverage from the car rental company each time you rent a car, you can purchase a Non-Owner Auto Liability insurance policy from an insurance company for about \$300.00 or so a year, which might be cheaper if you rent frequently.

Additionally, if you are thinking of buying an Umbrella Liability policy, a non-owner auto policy may meet the underlying auto insurance policy requirements. A drawback, however, is that Non-Owned Auto Insurance does not provide Collision Coverage. Collision coverage pays for damage to the car you are driving if you crash into another car or object, or if the car rolls over. You have to buy this from the car rental company.



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