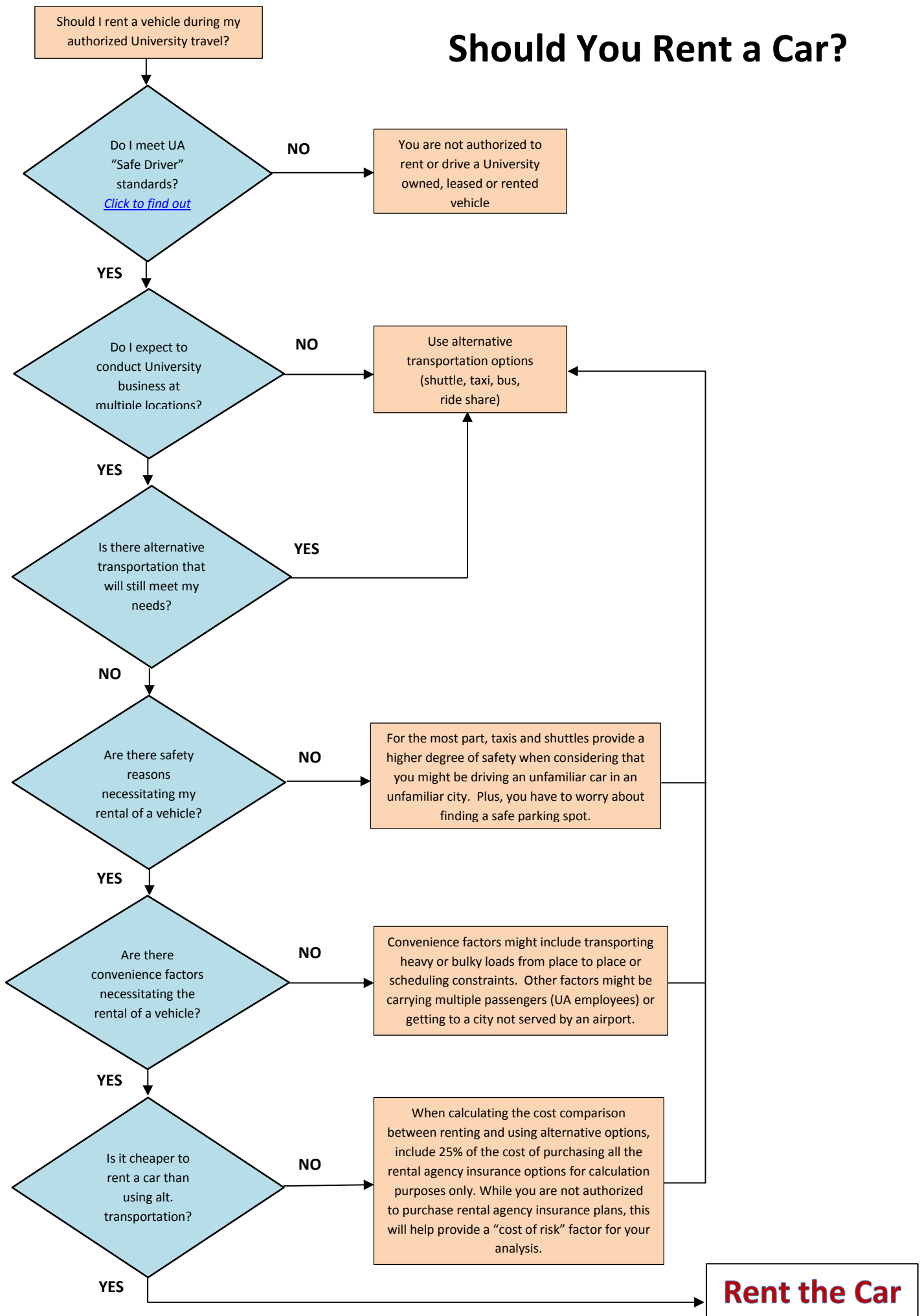


Should You Rent a Car?



Car Rental Pricing Agreements

The University has three WSCA car rental agreements available for the University's use. All have several advantages, including lowering the underage driver to 18, preferred rates in Alaska and the continental United States, and they include insurance coverage. They are all available to be used for business or personal travel. It is recommended to compare contract rates to find the best value. Please note the vendors and contract rates listed below are not exhaustive and are optional to use.

[Enterprise Car Rental Agreement](#)

Customer number / Contract ID is **XZ45SOA**

[National Car Rental Agreement](#) Customer number / Contract ID is **XZ45SOA**

[Hertz Car Rental Agreement](#)

University of Alaska **CDP 70909**

[Budget Car Rental Agreement](#)

State of Alaska Contract. To reserve a car either call 907-243-0150 or visit the website. This is a fixed price contract.

NOTES: An important thing to consider before renting a car is the \$2,500 auto physical damage deductible that your department will have to pay if the rental car is damaged. To help minimize nuisance claims by rental agencies, please thoroughly inspect the vehicle when you pick it up and when you return it and note existing damage on the rental agency's check-in/out form. Failure to do this could result in your department being responsible for 100% of the claimed auto physical damage costs. Avoid using express check-ins where you do not participate in the inspection process.

Another thing to avoid is free upgrades to larger cars that you may not actually need. On the surface, upgrades may appear to be free. However, the increased cost of repairing the larger expensive cars after an accident could become a department responsibility.

In addition, travel regulations require that you rent the cheapest vehicle that is required for you work. Generally compact cars fit this requirement. However, not everyone can comfortably and safely fit into a compact car so there is some flexibility here.

Often employees believe that larger cars are safer and they insist on renting larger more expensive cars for this reason. While that logic was somewhat valid in the past, new model cars are now equipped with dependable safety features (air bags, reinforced frames designed to minimize injuries) and this argument is no longer as persuasive. Ask the rental agency what kinds of safety features are available before renting.

Also, never lend your rented vehicle to others. You must declare all authorized drivers on the rental agency forms in advance. In addition, non-UA employees are not permitted to drive University owned, rented or leased vehicles. This prohibition also includes students who are not concurrently employed by UA.

The attached flowchart does not anticipate every situation. If your particular situation is not represented in the flow chart, contact your designated travel delegate for guidance.