

R5-2

Wrong Way

**CATEGORY**

Regulatory Signs

SHAPE

Rectangle (Horizontal)

COLOR

Red background, white legend

TYPICAL CA MINIMUM SIZE

42" x 30"

COMMON TCP PLACEMENT

Point of regulation within the activity area

CA MUTCD REFERENCE

CA MUTCD Part 2B (Regulatory Signs)

FIELD USE NOTES

Alerts a driver who has entered a roadway in the wrong direction that they are traveling against traffic and must turn around. In the field, R5-2 Wrong Way is typically positioned at the point of regulation within the activity area. Common deployments include backing up DO NOT ENTER on closed ramps and one-ways; temporary one-way operations through a work zone; locations with wrong-way entry risk. Always confirm its size, retroreflective sheeting, spacing, and placement against the CA MUTCD 2026 and the reviewing agency before finalizing the traffic control plan.

Official MUTCD reference: https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/kno-shs_2024.htm