

W21-1

Workers

**CATEGORY**

Warning Signs

SHAPE

Diamond

COLOR

Orange background, black worker symbol

TYPICAL CA MINIMUM SIZE

48" x 48" on conventional roads; 60" x 60" on expressways and freeways

COMMON TCP PLACEMENT

Approach to the activity area

CA MUTCD REFERENCE

CA MUTCD Part 6 (Temporary Traffic Control), Chapter 6F; warning-sign design in Part 2C

FIELD USE NOTES

Uses a worker symbol to warn that workers are present on or near the roadway ahead, signaling drivers to reduce speed and increase caution. In the field, W21-1 Workers is typically positioned at the approach to the activity area. Common deployments include active work areas with workers on foot near traffic; short-duration and mobile operations; supplements lead advance warning signing. 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