

W20-7

Flagger

**CATEGORY**

Warning Signs

SHAPE

Diamond

COLOR

Orange background, black flagger 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 flagger symbol to warn drivers that a flagger is controlling traffic ahead and that they must be prepared to stop or follow the flagger's directions. In the field, W20-7 Flagger is typically positioned at the approach to the activity area. Common deployments include flagging stations on lane closures and one-lane operations; paired with W3-4 BE PREPARED TO STOP; used with pilot-car operations on two-lane roads. 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