

# 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](https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/kno-shs_2024.htm)