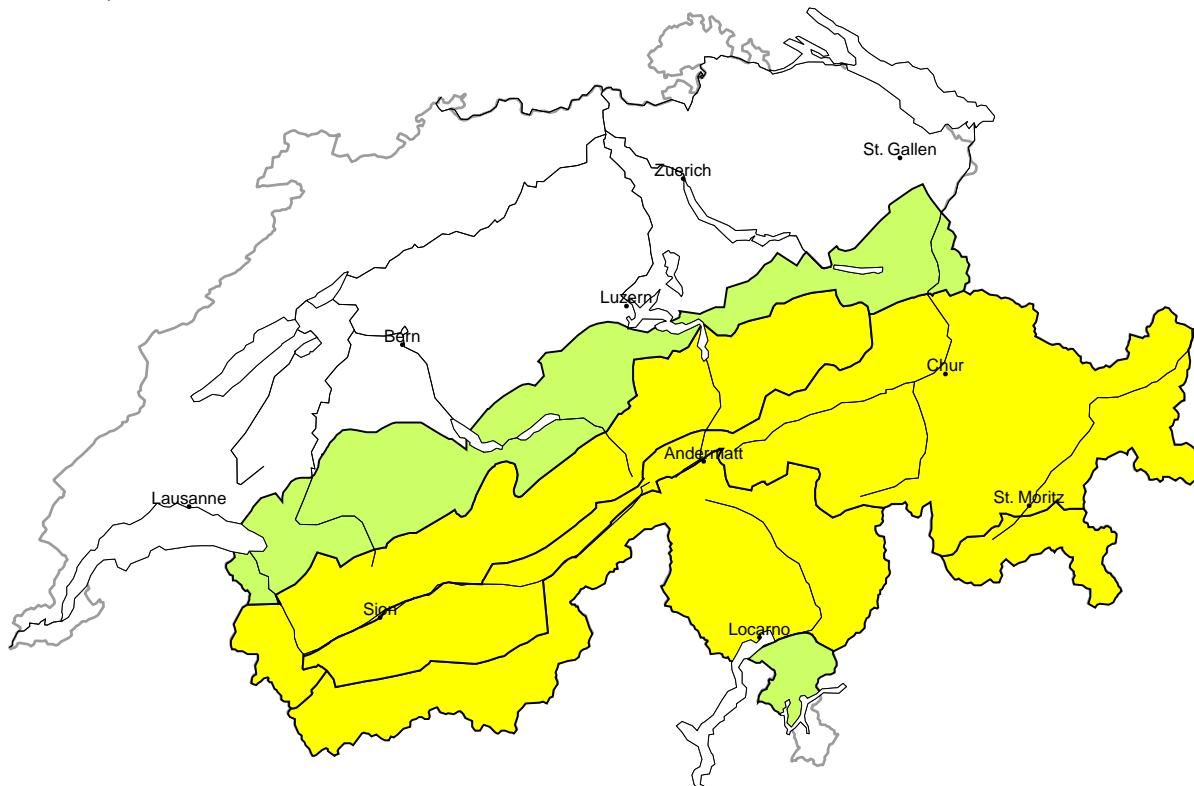


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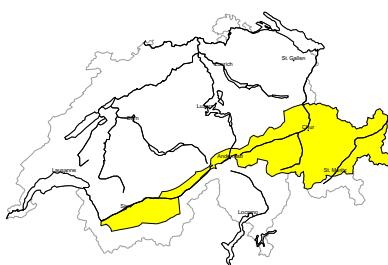
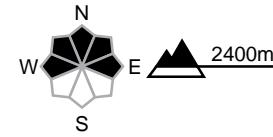
**region A****Moderate (2=)****Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

Thus far only a little snow is lying. The wind slabs of the last few days are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Avalanches can in some places be released in the weakly bonded old snow by a single winter sport participant. They can reach medium size. Careful route selection is recommended.

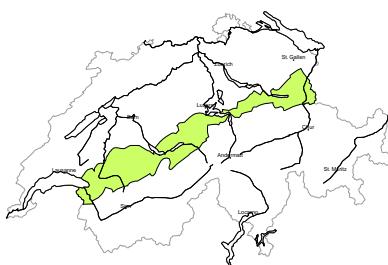
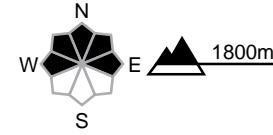
**region B****Moderate (2-)****No distinct avalanche problem****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

In isolated cases avalanches can be released in near-surface layers. They are rather small. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised as well in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls. In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are a little more prevalent.

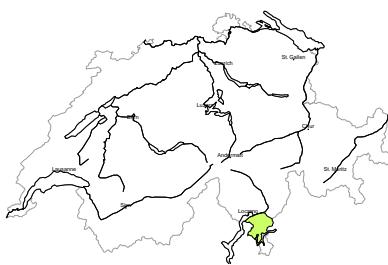
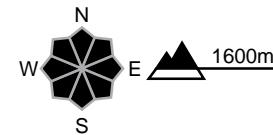
Careful route selection is recommended.

**Avalanche bulletin through Saturday, 20. December 2025****region C****Moderate (2-)****Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

Thus far only a little snow is lying. Faceted weak layers exist in the snowpack. Avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow. They can reach medium size. Careful route selection is recommended.

**region D****Low (1)****No distinct avalanche problem****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

**region E****Low (1)****Wet snow****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

From a snow sport perspective, insufficient snow is lying. On very steep slopes moist snow slides are possible, but they will be mostly small. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

**Danger levels**

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

5 very high



## Snowpack and weather

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### Snowpack

In northern Lower Valais, there is somewhat more snow at high altitudes than is usual at this time of year. Elsewhere, the snow depths are below average. On southern slopes and generally below 2400 m, the snowpack is mostly wet or has frozen solid.

On the Main Alpine Ridge and to the south of it, this week's fresh snow is lying at altitude on a thin but weak old snowpack of faceted crystals.

North of the Main Alpine Ridge, small wind slabs have formed at altitude in some regions. Some of them lie on surface hoar (hoar frost) and can still be triggered as avalanches. In addition, in the inneralpine regions of Valais and throughout Grisons in particular, there are some pronounced weak layers deeper in the old snowpack, especially on northern and eastern slopes above approximately 2400 m. However, hardly any avalanches have been triggered in these layers for some days.

### Weather review for Friday

In Valais and Sotto Ceneri there were some clear spells, otherwise it was mostly cloudy.

#### Fresh snow

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#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +3 °C in the north and 0 °C in the south

#### Wind

- Moderate to strong from southerly directions during the night
- Light to moderate from the southwest during the day

### Weather forecast to Saturday

It will be quite sunny in the mountains in the north and in the Engadine. It will often be cloudy on the central part of the Main Alpine Ridge and on the central part of the southern flank of the Alps.

#### Fresh snow

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#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around +2 °C

#### Wind

Often light. Moderate southerly wind at times on the Main Alpine Ridge

### Outlook

On Sunday and Monday, it will be partly sunny and mild in the north. The southerly wind will be strong on Monday and moderate to strong on Tuesday. In the Alpine valleys, there will be a strong foehn wind at times. In the south, snow will fall at times above approximately 1300 m. By Tuesday evening, 20 to 40 cm of new snow is expected on the Main Alpine Ridge in Upper Valais and 10 to 20 cm on the Main Alpine Ridge in the rest of Valais and in Ticino.

The avalanche danger will increase in the south with the arrival of new snow. It will not change significantly in the other regions.