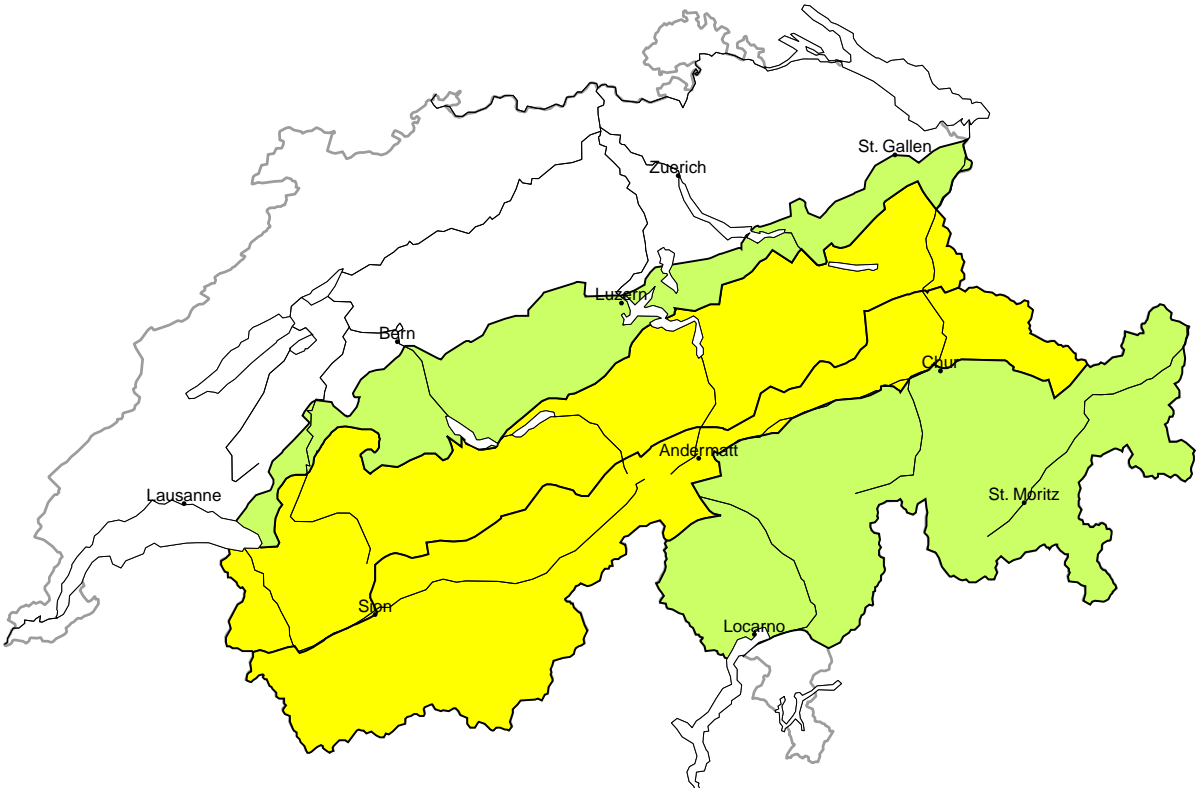
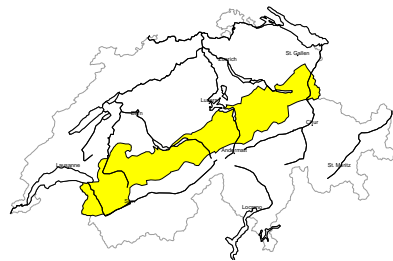


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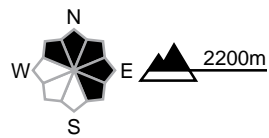
region A

Moderate (2-)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



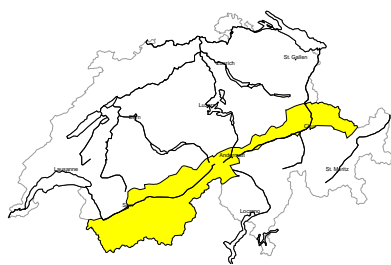
Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and a sometimes moderate westerly wind, wind slabs formed on Tuesday especially adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls as well as in high Alpine regions. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in very steep terrain. The avalanches are rather small. Avalanches can additionally in very isolated cases be released in near-ground layers above approximately 2800 m. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for meticulous route selection. The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information that has been collected in the field, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.



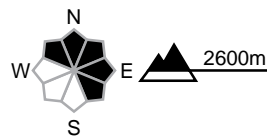
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Moderate (2-)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations

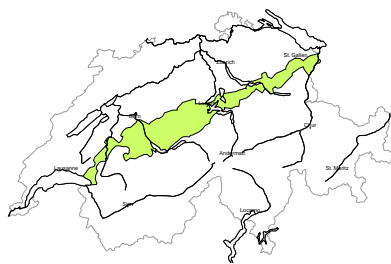


Danger description

Somewhat older wind slabs are to be found in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls and generally in the high Alpine regions. As a consequence of a moderate to strong northerly wind, small wind slabs will form during the night in particular adjacent to ridgelines. These are only small. Fresh and older wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in particular in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls. Additionally in very isolated cases avalanches can be released in near-ground layers and reach medium size. Caution is to be exercised in particular on extremely steep north facing slopes above approximately 2800 m. The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information that has been collected in the field, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

region C

Low (1)

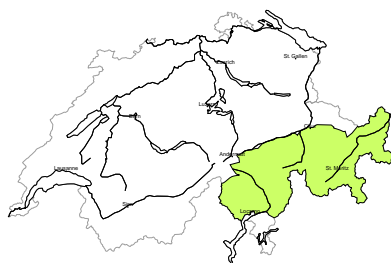


No distinct avalanche problem

Thus far only a little snow is lying. As a consequence of new snow and a moderate westerly wind, wind slabs formed on Tuesday in particular in the vicinity of peaks. These are only small but in some cases prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in extreme terrain. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls. The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information that has been collected in the field, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

region D

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Thus far only a little snow is lying. Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in particular in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls. The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information that has been collected in the field, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The wind slabs from Tuesday are lying on shady slopes in particular, protected from the wind on a loose, partially transformed surface of the snowpack. Apart from that, the snowpack, which is still thin in many places, is mostly favourable with only isolated weak layers, mostly in the area of thin melt-freeze crusts.

Above 2800 m, where there was already a cohesive old snowpack before the precipitation in the second half of November, there are some weak layers of faceted crystals on northern slopes. Here, avalanches are possible in very isolated cases, including in old snowpack close to the ground.

Weather review for Wednesday, 04.12.2024

It was mostly sunny in Valais and the south. Otherwise, it was cloudy at first and a little snow fell down to low altitudes in the northeast. During the course of the day, it became increasingly sunny in the west and generally in the high Alpine regions.

Fresh snow

A few centimetres of new snow will fall in the northeast.

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around -6 °C.

Wind

Weak, with a partly moderate northerly wind in the high Alpine regions and in the south.

Weather forecast until Thursday, 05.12.2024

In the early morning it will be sunny in the Alps, then clouds will gather from the west.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around -2 °C.

Wind

- Weak to moderate, locally strong in the high Alpine regions.
- From the north during the night and from the west during the day

Outlook until Saturday, 07.12.2024

It will be very cloudy with precipitation. During Thursday night, the snowfall level will temporarily increase to 2000 metres. By Friday afternoon, 30 to 60 cm of new snow is expected on the northern flank of the Alps, in Valais and in northern Grisons above 2200 metres. There will be a strong to stormy westerly wind. In the far south, it will be partly sunny on Friday with northwesterly winds.

With the exception of the very south, the avalanche danger will increase everywhere, to considerable (Level 3) in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation. Depending on the amount of precipitation, naturally triggered avalanches are expected to increase on Saturday.