Avalanche bulletin through Sunday, 16. February 2025

Avalanche danger

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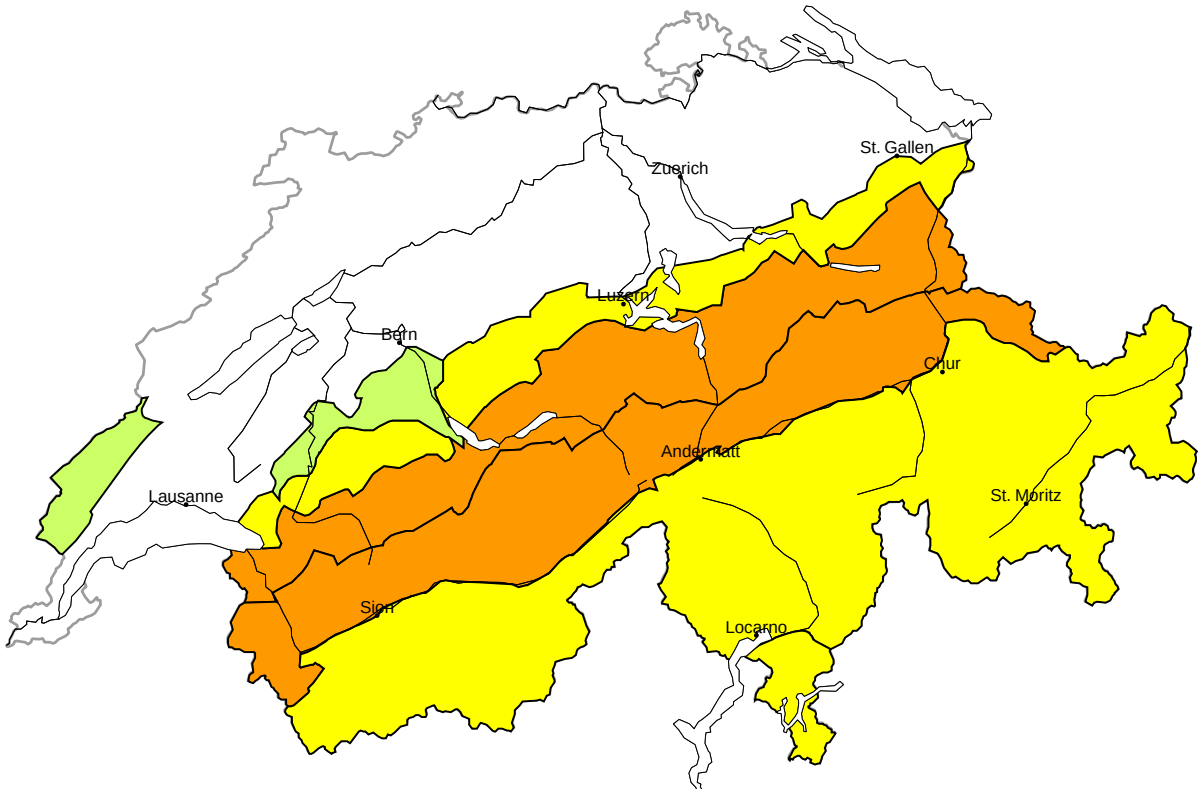
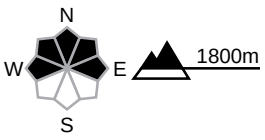


region A

Considerable (3-)

New snow, Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations

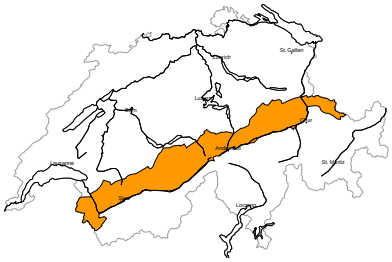


Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs of Friday are in some cases still prone to triggering. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant. Mostly they are medium-sized.
Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

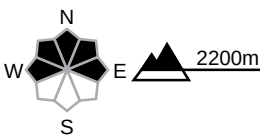
region B

Considerable (3-)



New snow, Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs of Friday are in some cases prone to triggering. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant and reach large size in isolated cases.
Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Danger levels 1 low 2 moderate 3 considerable 4 high 5 very high

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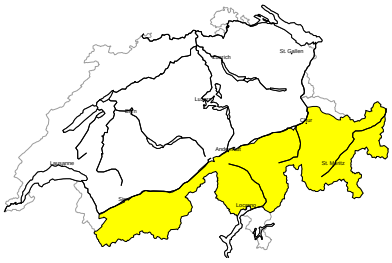
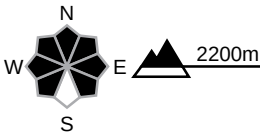
region C — Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

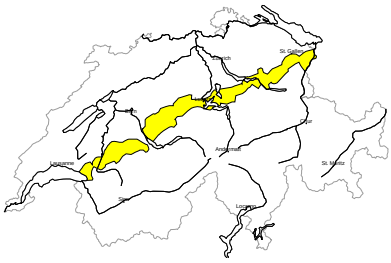
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

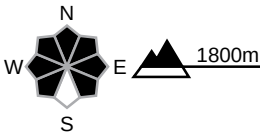
The fresh and older wind slabs are in some cases prone to triggering. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches. These can in some cases penetrate near-ground layers of the snowpack and reach dangerously large size. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in little used backcountry terrain.
Ski touring and other off-piste activities, including snowshoe hiking, call for careful route selection.

region D — Moderate (2=)



New snow, Wind slab

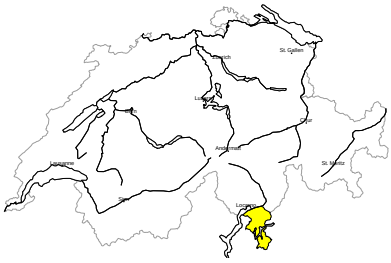
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

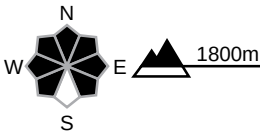
The fresh snow and the wind slabs are in some cases still prone to triggering. Avalanches can in some places be released by people. They can in isolated cases reach medium size.
Careful route selection is recommended.

region E — Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

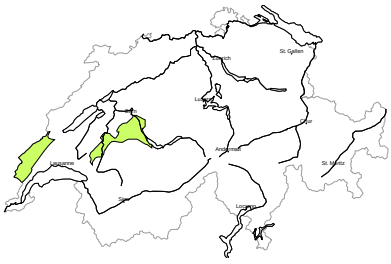
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The older wind slabs of Friday are in some cases still prone to triggering. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Mostly avalanches are small. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain.

region F — Low (1)



Wind slab

The older wind slabs are small and can only be released in isolated cases. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in extreme terrain. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

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Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The large volumes of fresh and drifted snow in the north are becoming increasingly stable. In southern Valais, Grisons and Ticino, some of Friday's snowdrift accumulations are still prone to triggering while some weak layers remain in the lower part of the snowpack. In these regions, avalanches may be triggered in drifted snow and sweep away deeper layers of the snowpack. Avalanches may occasionally also be triggered directly in deep snowpack layers.
Isolated gliding avalanches, sometimes large, are possible.

Weather review for Saturday

After a clear night, conditions were sunny.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between +4 °C in the west, 0 °C in the east and -3 °C in the south.

Wind
- At times moderate to strong from the east in the north during the night
- Elsewhere mostly light from northerly directions

Weather forecast to Sunday

Apart from some high cloud, conditions will be quite sunny in the mountains. Especially on the northern flanks of the Alps and in northern Grisons, cloud cover will be somewhat thicker .

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between +2 °C in the west and south and 0 °C in the east.

Wind
Moderate at high altitudes, at times strong from the northwest on the northern Alpine ridge and on the main Alpine Ridge

Outlook

Conditions will be mostly sunny on Monday and Tuesday. Winds will be light to moderate from westerly directions. The zero-degree level will be around 2000 m.
Avalanche danger will decrease, but only slowly in southern Valais, Ticino and Grisons due to the weak snowpack structure. Occasional gliding avalanches are still possible.

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