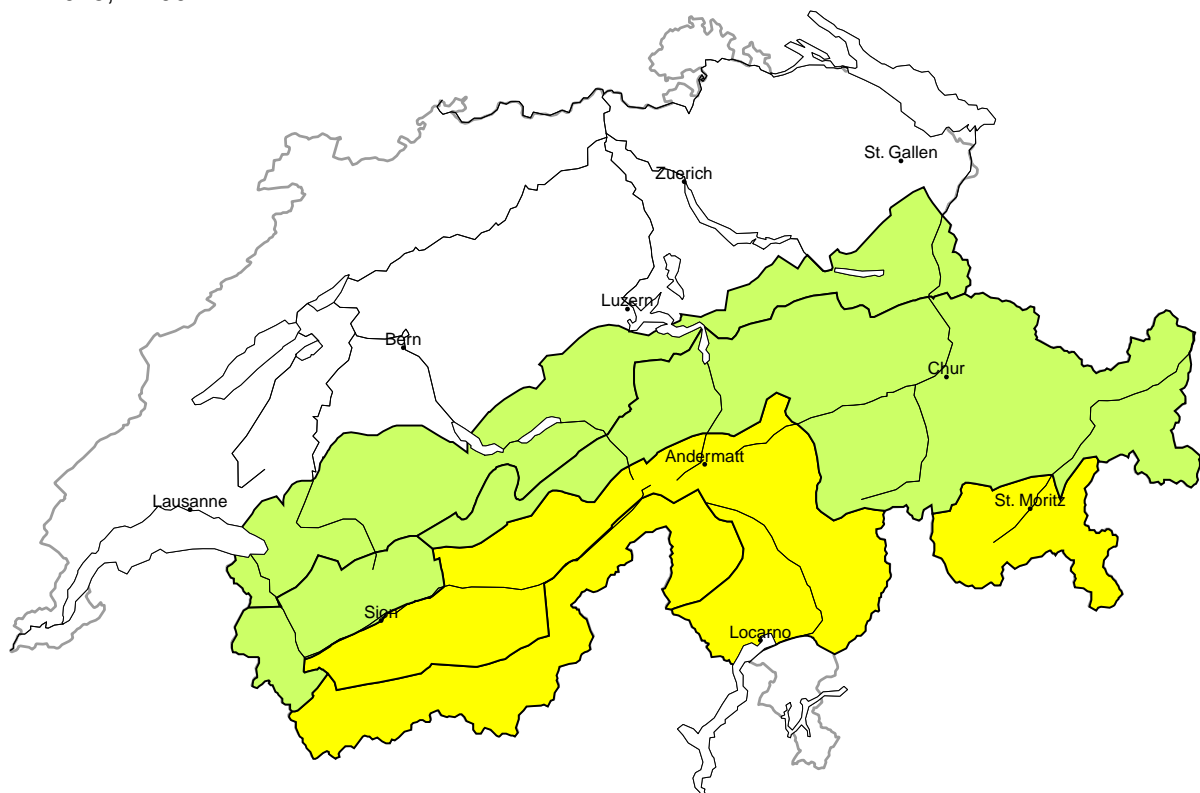
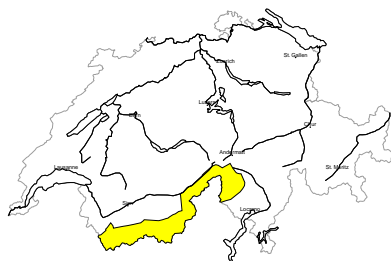


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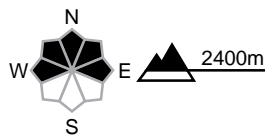
region A

Moderate (2=)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

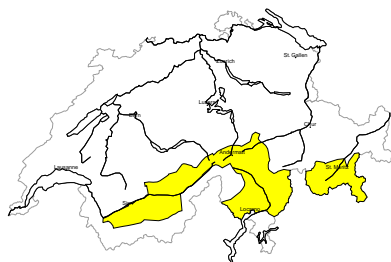


Danger description

The somewhat older wind slabs 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.
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.

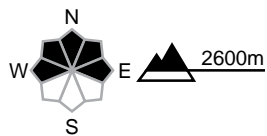
region B

Moderate (2-)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

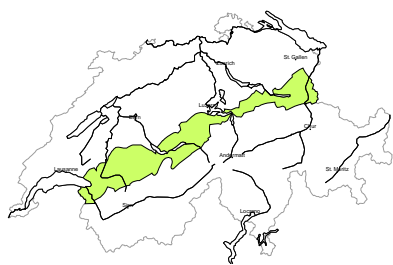


Danger description

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.
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.

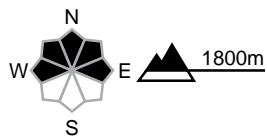
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Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations

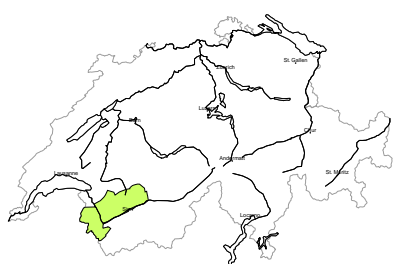


Danger description

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.

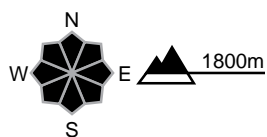
region D

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations

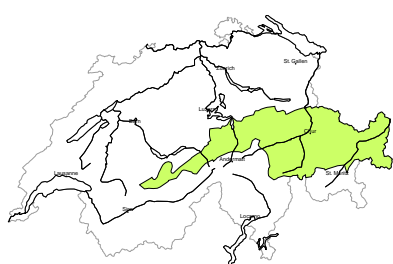


Danger description

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found on very steep shady slopes. Avalanches can reach medium size in isolated cases. 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 addition individual medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible. 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.

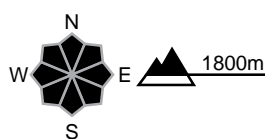
region E

Low (1)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can be released in the weakly bonded old snow in very isolated cases. They can in some cases reach medium size. Caution is to be exercised in particular in extremely steep terrain. 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. 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

There is appreciably less snow than usual at this time of year in most regions and snow conditions for ski touring are very poor in many places. Only in northern Lower Valais are snow depths approaching average. On southern slopes and in general below 2400 m, the snowpack has mostly frozen solid.

On the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais and in western Ticino, the small volumes of fresh snow which have fallen in the last few days are lying on a thin but weak old snowpack of faceted crystals. Avalanches may be triggered in these regions. In the inneralpine regions of Valais, on the southern flank of the Alps and throughout Grisons, there are sometimes pronounced weak layers of faceted crystals or surface hoar in the snowpack, especially on northern and eastern slopes above approximately 2400 m. However, only very isolated avalanches have been triggered in these layers. Further north, the structure of the snowpack is more favourable.

Weather review for Tuesday

Conditions were mostly overcast with high cloud. There was some light snowfall in some southern regions.

Fresh snow

A few centimetres fell locally on the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais and in Valle Maggia.

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +4°C in the north and 0°C in the south

Wind

Southerly:

- moderate to strong on the northern Alpine ridge
- elsewhere light to moderate

Weather forecast to Wednesday

Conditions will remain sunny in the morning but low stratus cloud cover will gather from the north in Alpine valleys up to higher than 2000 m. A little snow may fall. Over the course of the day, clouds will gather in the south and snow will start to fall. The snowfall level will be at low altitude.

Fresh snow

A few centimetres on the northern edge of the Alps and on the southern flank of the Alps

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between -7°C in the north and -3°C in the south

Wind

- Strong Bise wind in the north and in the Jura
- Moderate to strong southeasterly in the Alps in the afternoon

Outlook to Friday

In the south, skies will be mostly overcast and snow will fall down to low altitudes. Precipitation will accumulate following a southeasterly course, especially on the Main Alpine Ridge in Upper Valais, where around 20 to 40 cm of snow will fall by Friday, with up to 20 cm falling on the rest of the southern flank of the Alps. In the north, conditions will be mostly sunny in the mountains. There will be a strong foehn wind but there is little transportable snow. Avalanche risk will increase in regions with fresh snow, significantly so on the Main Alpine Ridge in Upper Valais.