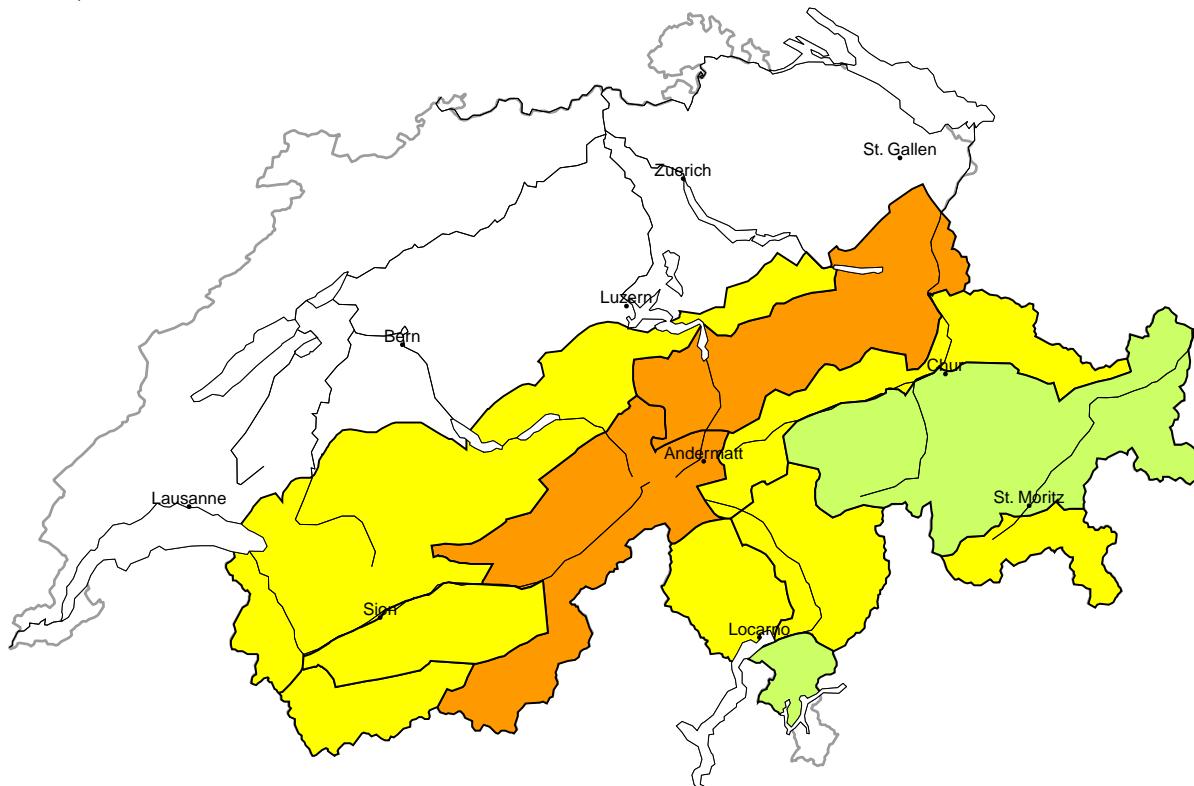
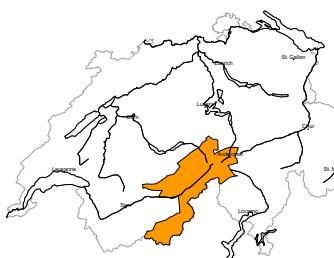


Avalanche danger

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region A

Considerable (3-)**Wind slab, Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

As a consequence of a storm force westerly wind, wind slabs will form during the night. These are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack in particular on wind-protected shady slopes. They can be released easily by a single winter sport participant. Avalanches can release deeper layers of the snowpack and reach medium size.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

region B

Considerable (3-)**Wind slab, Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

The strong wind will transport the new snow and, in some cases, old snow as well. The new snow and wind slabs will be deposited on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack. The wind slabs can be released easily. Avalanches can reach medium size.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Danger levels

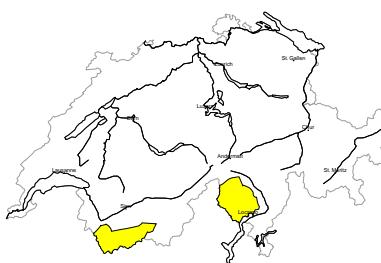
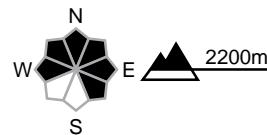
1 low

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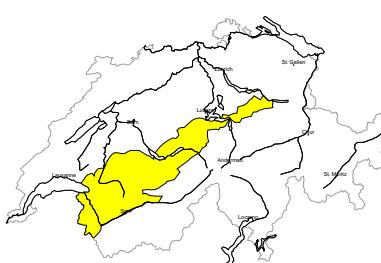
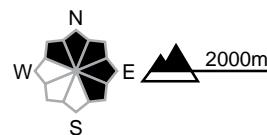
4 high

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Avalanche bulletin through Saturday, 3. January 2026**region C****Moderate (2+)****Wind slab, Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

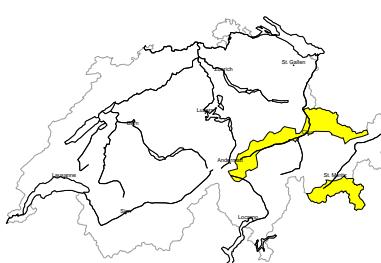
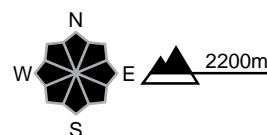
As a consequence of a strong to storm force westerly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain. Avalanches can release deeper layers of the snowpack and reach medium size.

Careful route selection is required.

region D**Moderate (2=)****Wind slab****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

The strong wind will transport the new snow and, in some cases, old snow as well. At elevated altitudes clearly visible wind slabs will form. These are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack in particular on wind-protected shady slopes. The wind slabs can be released easily. Avalanches can in isolated cases reach medium size.

The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain.

region E**Moderate (2=)****Wind slab, Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack in particular on wind-protected shady slopes. They can be released easily. The wind slabs are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain.

Avalanches can additionally in very isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow also.

Avalanches can in some cases reach medium size. Careful route selection is required.

Danger levels

1 low

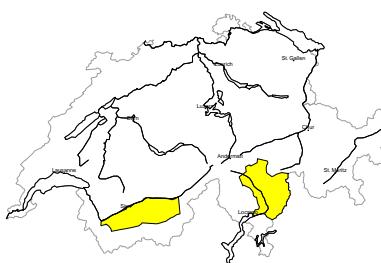
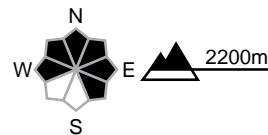
2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

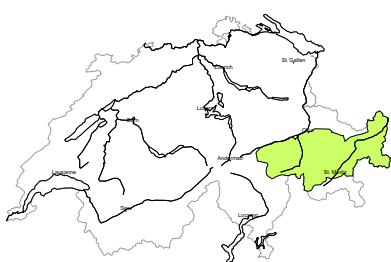
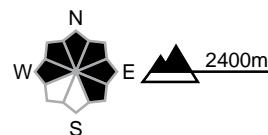
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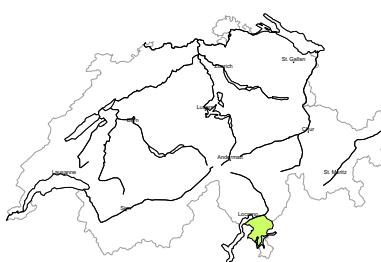
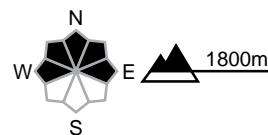
Avalanche bulletin through Saturday, 3. January 2026**region F****Moderate (2-)****Wind slab, Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are rather small but can in some cases be released easily. They are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain.

Avalanches can additionally in very isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow also. These can reach medium size. Careful route selection is advisable.

region G**Low (1)****Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can in some cases be released easily. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in extreme terrain. Mostly avalanches are small. 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.

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

From a snow sport perspective, insufficient snow is lying. Individual avalanche-prone locations are to be found in extremely steep terrain. Even a small avalanche 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

Fresh and drifted snow are deposited on the northern flank of the Alps on a snow surface which is often transformed and loose on wind-protected shady slopes, especially at high altitudes. Elsewhere, the snow surface has often been shaped by the wind and is frequently frozen solid below 2400 m.

On the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais and on the central part of the southern flank of the Alps, the fresh snow from Christmas and snowdrift accumulations are lying on a thin but weak old snowpack of faceted crystals. Isolated avalanches may still be triggered in the old snowpack in these regions.

The snowpack in central Valais, northern Upper Valais and throughout Grisons consists of faceted crystals and embedded crusts. There is a thin, hard layer of drifted snow on the surface in places and a melt-freeze crust on steep south-facing slopes.

Weather review for Friday

There was broken to heavy cloud cover to the north of the Main Alpine Ridge and a few centimetres of snow fell in some locations on the northern flank of the Alps. Further south, conditions were mostly sunny.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between -8°C in the north and -4°C in the south

Wind

Mostly moderate from the west, rising to strong especially on the northern flank of the Alps and in Valais at high altitudes

Weather forecast to Saturday

Overnight to Saturday, some snow will fall on the northern flank of the Alps and in northern Grisons, while conditions will remain mainly dry further south. Some clouds will remain during the day, especially along the Prealps. Conditions will be mostly sunny in other regions and later also in the Prealps.

Fresh snow

By Saturday morning, the following amounts of snow will fall down to low altitudes:

- northern Alpine ridge from the Hasli valley to the Alpstein region: 10 to 20 cm
- rest of the northern flank of the Alps, northern Grisons: 5 to 10 cm
- further south: less or dry

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between -10°C in the north and -6°C in the south

Wind

From the west

- stormy at times during the night, especially in the Bernese Oberland and Valais at high altitudes
- elsewhere and during the day moderate to strong

Outlook to Monday

Both days will be sunny but cold in the mountains. The northerly wind will be mostly light.

The unfavourable snowpack structure means that avalanche risk will decrease only very slowly.