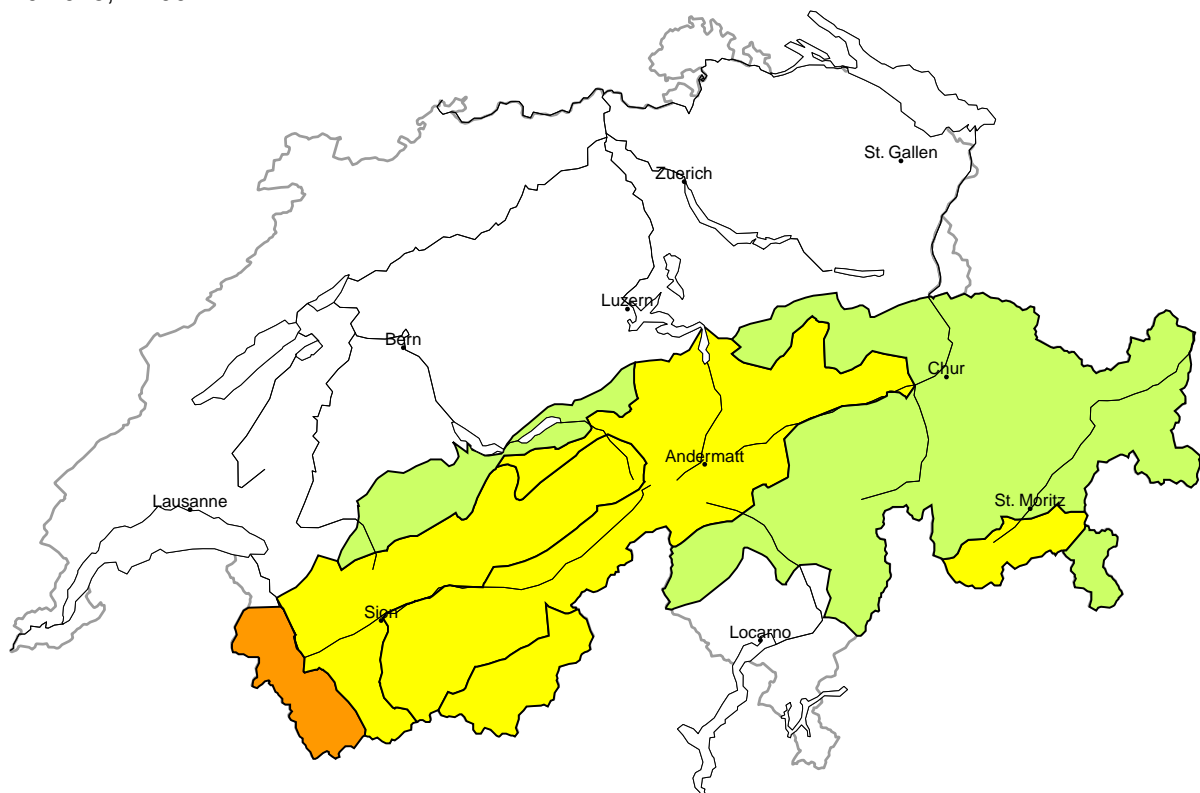


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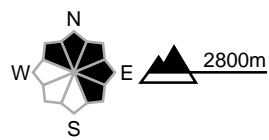
region A

Considerable (3=)



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



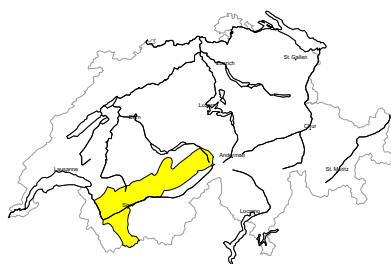
Danger description

10 to 20 cm of snow, and up to 30 cm in some localities, has fallen since Monday above approximately 2500 m. 30 to 50 cm of snow will fall until Wednesday above approximately 2800 m. New snow and wind slabs can be released by people. Natural avalanches are possible in isolated cases. Avalanches can reach large size in isolated cases. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls and generally in high Alpine regions. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger. As a consequence of the rain wet snow slides are to be expected below approximately 2800 m.



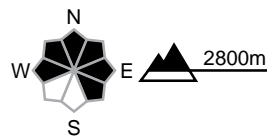
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Moderate (2+)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations

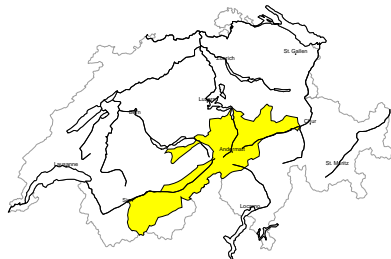


Danger description

5 to 15 cm of snow has fallen since Monday above approximately 2500 m. 15 to 30 cm of snow will fall until Wednesday above approximately 2800 m. The wind slabs represent the main danger. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls. Single persons can release avalanches in some places, including medium-sized ones. The wind slabs are to be assessed with care and prudence. The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

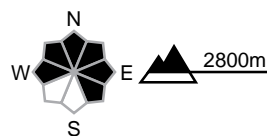
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Moderate (2=)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations

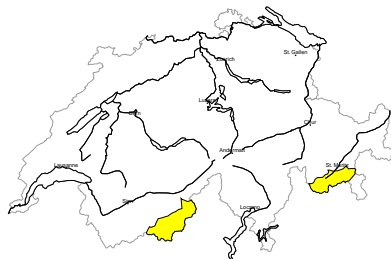


Danger description

Over a wide area up to 10 cm of snow has fallen since Monday above approximately 2500 m. Over a wide area 5 to 15 cm of snow will fall until Wednesday above approximately 2800 m. The wind slabs represent the main danger. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls. Single persons can release avalanches in some places. Mostly they are 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. The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

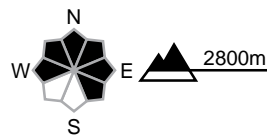
region D

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations

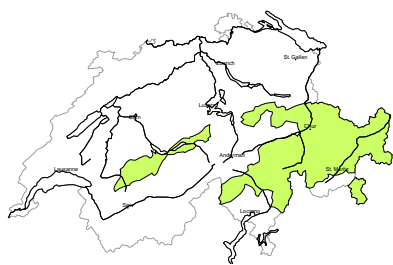


Danger description

Little snow will fall. The fresh wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in extremely steep terrain. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant, but they will be small in most cases. 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.

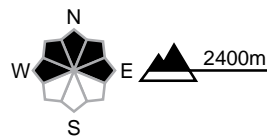
region E

Low (1)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Mostly avalanches are small. Even a small avalanche can sweep people along and give rise to falls. The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.



Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

After two weeks without any significant precipitation, this week began with a blanket of snow, particularly on shady slopes above approximately 2800 m and in general in glaciated high Alpine regions. The fresh snow from the last few days has been deposited on steep shady slopes, in places on a crusted snowpack surface and in others on a faceted surface. With fresh snow and moderate to strong southwesterly winds, accumulations of drifted snow, some of them prone to triggering, will develop on Wednesday, especially in the west and in the high Alpine regions.

Outlook

Thursday

Conditions will be mostly cloudy with widespread precipitation. The snowfall level will rise to between 2600 and 2800 m during the night to Thursday and drop to between 1600 and 2000 m from the north-west over the course of the day. In the west and on the main Alpine ridge, 20 to 40 cm of snow is expected in the high Alpine regions and up to 60 cm on the border with France. The southwesterly wind will be strong to storm-force at high altitudes and moderate to strong in the south.

The danger of dry avalanches will increase at high altitudes in regions exposed to precipitation. Below approximately 2800 m, wet snow slides are to be expected where precipitation falls as rain. Experience in assessing avalanche risk is necessary.

Friday

Temperatures will fall significantly, with snowfall, probably heavy in the Lower Valais and on the northern Alpine ridge, becoming widespread above approximately 1400 m. There will be strong westerly to north-westerly winds. Conditions will be mostly sunny in the south.

The risk of dry avalanches will continue to increase, especially in the west and north, even at high altitudes. The situation will become increasingly wintry. In the high Alpine regions, touring conditions will be critical, especially in the north and in the Valais. Experience in assessing avalanche risk is necessary, as is restraint. The risk of wet avalanches will decrease as temperatures fall.