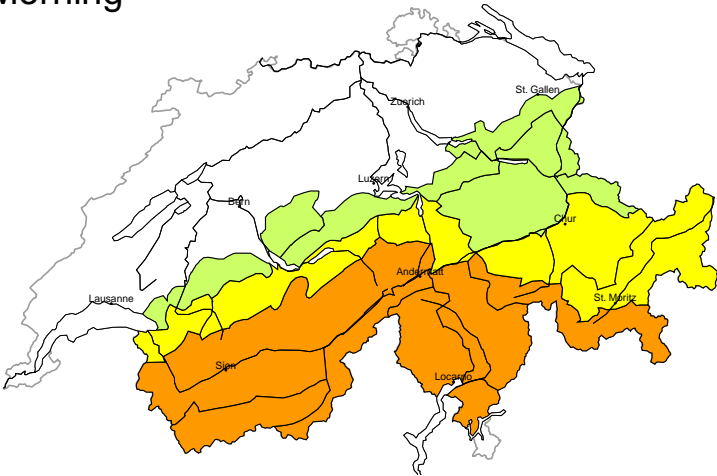


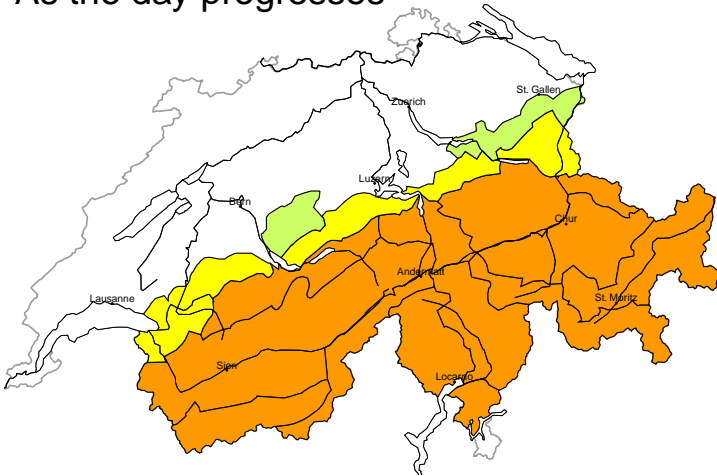
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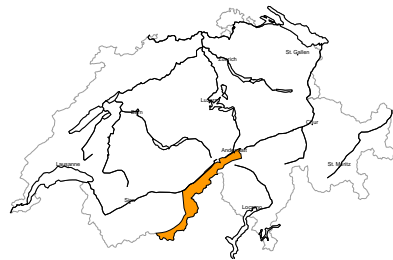
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As the day progresses

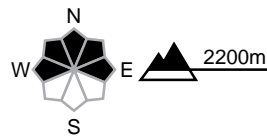


region A Considerable (3+) Dry avalanches, whole day



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and a strong southerly wind, sometimes large wind slabs will form. The new snow and wind slabs are prone to triggering. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches, including large ones. Natural avalanches are possible as the day progresses. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and caution.

Considerable (3) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day

Wet snow, Gliding snow

The weather will be mild. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected, even large ones. Caution is to be exercised in particular on sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on shady slopes below approximately 2400 m. Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be started early and concluded timely. Also at intermediate altitudes medium-sized gliding avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.



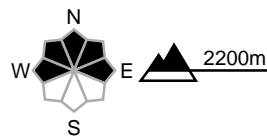
region B

Considerable (3+) Dry avalanches



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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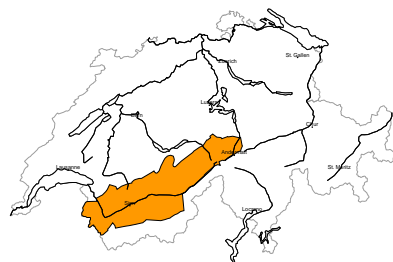
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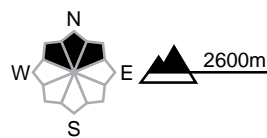
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Considerable (3-) Dry avalanches, whole day



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a strong southerly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches. Mostly these are medium-sized. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Considerable (3) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day

Wet snow, Gliding snow

The weather will be mild. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected, even large ones. Caution is to be exercised in particular on sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on shady slopes below approximately 2400 m. Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be started early and concluded timely. Also at intermediate altitudes medium-sized gliding avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.

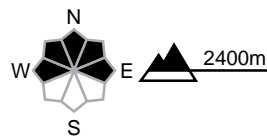
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Considerable (3-) Dry avalanches, whole day



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and a sometimes strong southerly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches. Mostly these are medium-sized. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Considerable (3) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day

Wet snow, Gliding snow

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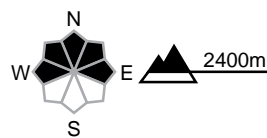
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Considerable (3-) Dry avalanches



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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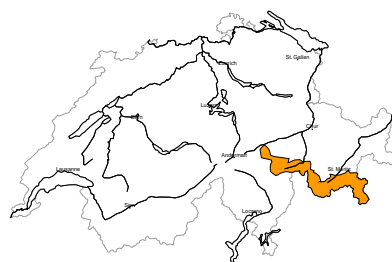
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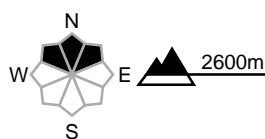
**region F**

**Considerable (3-) Dry avalanches, whole day**



**Wind slab**

**Avalanche prone locations**



**Danger description**

As a consequence of new snow and a sometimes strong southerly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches. Mostly these are medium-sized. Avalanches can additionally in isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

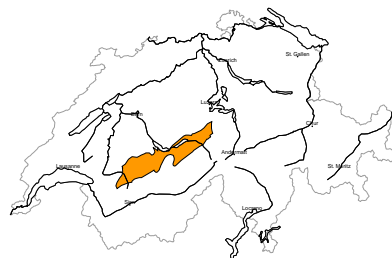
**Considerable (3) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day**

**Wet snow, Gliding snow**

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night was quite good. The weather will be mild. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. Moist avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow by people. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on north facing slopes below approximately 2400 m. Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be started early and concluded timely.

**region G**

**Moderate (2=) Dry avalanches, whole day**



**Wind slab**

**Avalanche prone locations**



**Danger description**

As a consequence of a strong southerly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form. They are in some cases prone to triggering. Avalanches can in isolated cases reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Careful route selection is recommended.

**Considerable (3) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day**

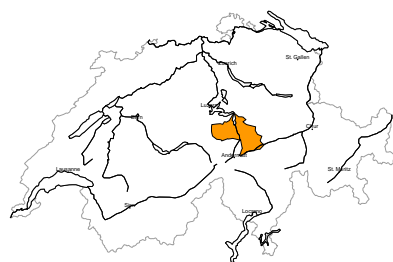
**Wet snow, Gliding snow**

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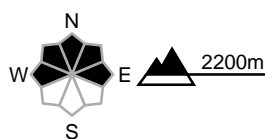
region H

**Moderate (2=)** Dry avalanches, whole day



**Wind slab**

**Avalanche prone locations**



**Danger description**

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**Considerable (3)** Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day

**Wet snow, Gliding snow**

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night was quite good. The weather will be mild. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on north facing slopes below approximately 2400 m. Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be started early and concluded timely.

region I

**Low (1)** Dry avalanches, whole day



**Wind slab**

As a consequence of southerly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form at elevated altitudes. They 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.

**Considerable (3)** Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day

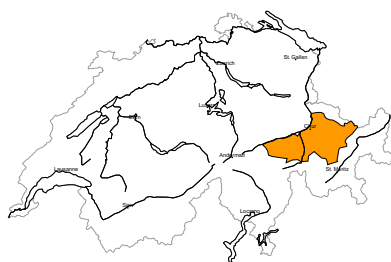
**Wet snow, Gliding snow**

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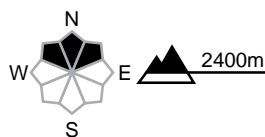
**region J**

**Moderate (2-) Dry avalanches, whole day**



**Persistent weak layers**

**Avalanche prone locations**



**Danger description**

In isolated cases dry avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. Caution is to be exercised in particular on extremely steep shady slopes in little used backcountry 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. In addition the more recent wind slabs should be taken into account. These are mostly small.

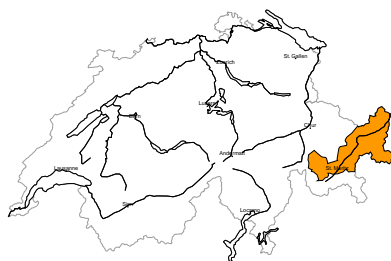
**Considerable (3) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day**

**Wet snow, Gliding snow**

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**region K**

**Moderate (2=) Dry avalanches, whole day**



**Wind slab, Persistent weak layers**

**Avalanche prone locations**



**Danger description**

As a consequence of a strong southerly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form. They are in some cases prone to triggering. Additionally in isolated cases dry avalanches can also be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. This applies in particular on very steep shady slopes in little used backcountry terrain. Careful route selection is recommended.

**Considerable (3) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day**

**Wet snow, Gliding snow**

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night was quite good. The weather will be mild. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. Moist avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow by people. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on north facing slopes below approximately 2400 m. Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be started early and concluded timely.



**region L**

**Considerable (3)**

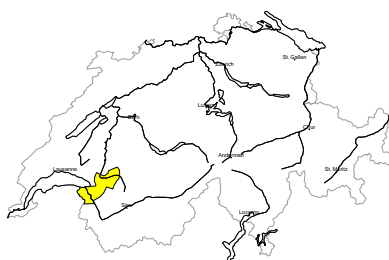


**Wet snow, Gliding snow**

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night was barely evident. Wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected, even large ones. Caution is to be exercised in particular below approximately 2400 m.

**region M**

**Moderate (2=) Dry avalanches, whole day**



**Wind slab**

**Avalanche prone locations**



**Danger description**

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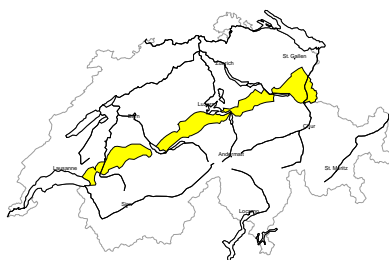
**Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses**

**Wet snow, Gliding snow**

The weather will be mild. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet and gliding avalanches are possible, even medium-sized ones. Backcountry tours should be concluded timely.

**region N**

**Low (1) Dry avalanches, whole day**



**Wind slab**

As a consequence of southerly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form at elevated altitudes. They 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.

**Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses**

**Wet snow, Gliding snow**

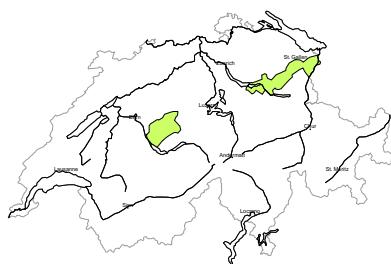
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region O

Low (1)



**Wet snow**  
Wet snow slides and avalanches are possible, but they will be mostly small. Even a small avalanche can sweep people along and give rise to falls.



## Snowpack and weather

updated on 19.4.2025, 17:00

### Snowpack

The fresh snow that has fallen in the west and south this week has become firmly settled and consolidated. The strong southerly winds and fresh snow on the Main Alpine Ridge and in the south are resulting in snowdrift accumulations that are prone to triggering. In the inneralpine regions of Grisons in particular, where there has been only little fresh snow, faceted weak layers in the old snowpack are still sometimes prone to triggering.

The snowpack is water-saturated on southern slopes up to the high alpine regions and on eastern and western slopes up to around 2800 m. On northern slopes, most of the old snowpack is water-saturated up to around 2400 m. Medium to large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected, in the north mainly as the day progresses, but all day in the south with little outgoing longwave radiation and rain. In the regions in the Bernese Oberland and Valais which have experienced heavy snowfall, medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible even below 2000 m.

### Weather review for Saturday

Conditions were quite sunny in the north and in Valais. Little snow fell on the southern flank of the Alps.

#### Fresh snow

A few centimetres in the south, otherwise dry

#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +7 °C in the north and Valais and +2 °C in the south

#### Wind

- Moderate southwesterly at night
- Rising to moderate to strong southerly in the daytime

### Weather forecast to Sunday

The night will see clear intervals in the north, and snowfall in the south. During the day, conditions will be quite sunny, especially in central and eastern Switzerland and central Valais. In the west, there will be frequent cloudy periods with showers as the day progresses, while snow will fall in the south. The snowfall level will be between 1800 and 2000 m.

#### Fresh snow

From Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, the following amounts of snow will fall above approximately 2200 m:

- Upper Valais Main Alpine Ridge, Val Bedretto, Upper Valle Maggia: 30 to 50 cm
- rest of the Valais Main Alpine Ridge, Valle Leventina, as well as from the Lukmanier Pass to the Avers Valley and south of there: 15 to 30 cm
- northern Upper Valais, Val Bregaglia to Bernina region: 5 to 15 cm

#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m in Valais, the northeast and Grisons +6 °C, in the northwest and the south +3 °C

#### Wind

Strong southerly

## Outlook

Overnight to Monday, the Main Alpine Ridge will see a few more centimetres of snow above approximately 2000 m. Elsewhere there will be cloudy intervals. The daytime will be quite sunny in many regions, with cumulus clouds. Conditions will become increasingly sunny in the Engadine.

Outgoing longwave radiation will reduce overnight to Tuesday, and daytime conditions will be quite sunny. Along the Prealps there will be larger cumulus clouds and local snow showers above 2000 m.

Winds will be mostly light southerlies on both days. The zero-degree level will be around 2500 m.

The risk of dry avalanches will decrease. As temperatures rise in the daytime sunshine, wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected.