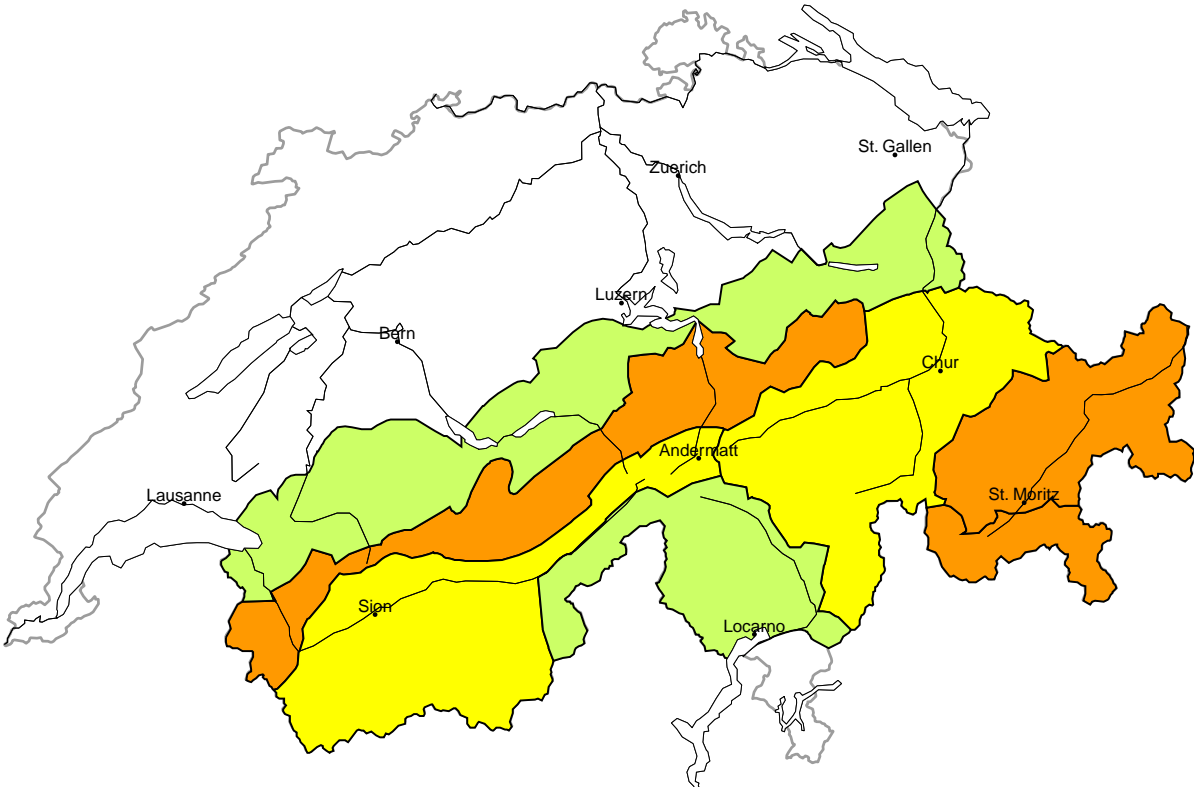


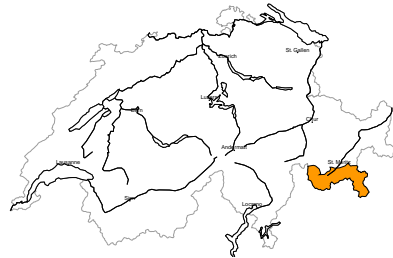
Avalanche danger

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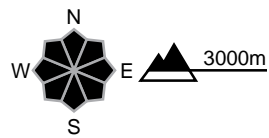
region A

Considerable (3=)



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

30 to 50 cm of snow fell on Thursday. 5 to 10 cm of snow will fall on Friday above approximately 2600 m. As a consequence of a sometimes strong northerly wind, wind slabs will form. The new snow and wind slabs are prone to triggering. Single persons can release avalanches, including large ones. The current avalanche situation calls for extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger. 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.

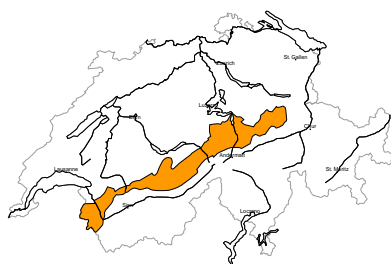
Moderate (2)

Wet snow

As a consequence of solar radiation wet loose snow avalanches are to be expected. These can reach medium size. 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.

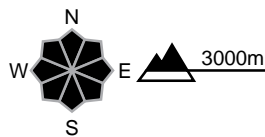
region B

Considerable (3-)



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

10 to 20 cm of snow fell on Thursday. 10 to 20 cm of snow will fall on Friday above approximately 2600 m. The new snow and wind slabs are prone to triggering. Single persons can release avalanches, including medium-sized ones. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger. 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.

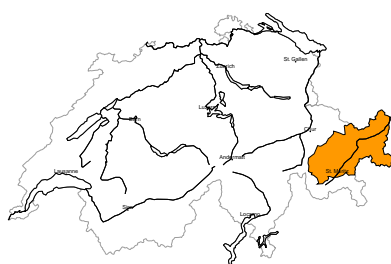
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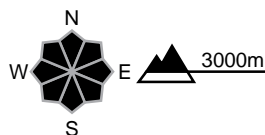
region C

Considerable (3-)



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

20 to 30 cm of snow fell on Thursday. 5 to 10 cm of snow will fall on Friday above approximately 2600 m. As a consequence of a sometimes strong northerly wind, wind slabs will form. The new snow and wind slabs are prone to triggering. Single persons can release avalanches, including medium-sized ones. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger. 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.

Moderate (2)

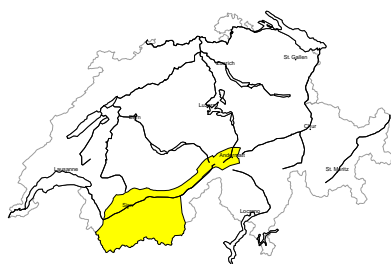
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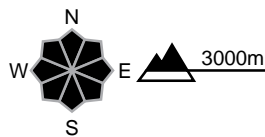
region D

Moderate (2)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

10 to 20 cm of snow fell on Thursday above approximately 2600 m. As a consequence of northerly wind, wind slabs will form. They are in some cases prone to triggering. Dry avalanches can in some places be released by people and reach medium size. Meticulous 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.

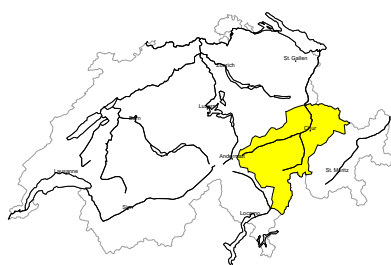
Low (1)

Wet snow

As a consequence of solar radiation moist loose snow avalanches are possible. Mostly these are small. Even a small snow slide can sweep snow sport participants along and give rise to falls.

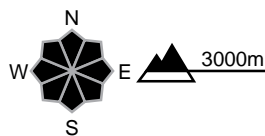
region E

Moderate (2)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

10 to 20 cm of snow fell on Thursday above approximately 2600 m. As a consequence of northerly wind, wind slabs will form. They are in some cases prone to triggering. Dry avalanches can in some places be released by people and reach medium size. Meticulous 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.

Moderate (2)

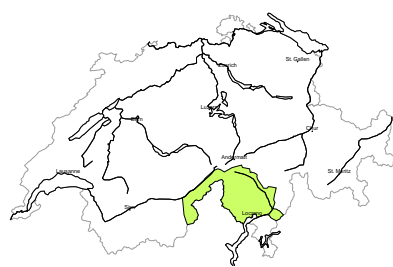
Wet snow

As a consequence of solar radiation wet loose snow avalanches are to be expected. These can reach medium size. 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.



region F

Low (1)



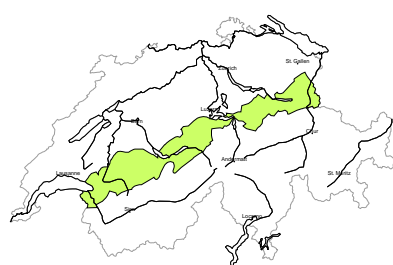
Wind slab
Little snow has fallen. As a consequence of a sometimes strong northerly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form. The avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular in high Alpine regions. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in terrain where there is a danger of falling.
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.

Low (1)

Wet snow
As a consequence of solar radiation moist loose snow avalanches are possible. Mostly these are small. Even a small snow slide can sweep snow sport participants along and give rise to falls.

region G

Low (1)



Wet snow
10 to 20 cm of snow will fall until Friday above approximately 2400 m. As a consequence of the new snow moist loose snow avalanches are possible, but they will be mostly small. Even a small snow slide can sweep snow sport participants along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The last fortnight's rather low temperatures have meant that conditions have remained wintry in the high Alpine regions. Particularly on steep north-facing slopes above around 3000 m and on all aspects above around 3500 m, the snowpack was still mostly dry before the current snowfall and in some cases also contained weak layers. There have been a number of avalanches triggered by human activity in the high Alpine regions, for instance on last Saturday, 17 May. Below around 3000 m, however, the old snowpack was water-saturated and contained hardly any weak layers.

Fresh snow and wind resulted in wind slabs forming on Thursday, especially in the high Alpine regions. On Friday, further wind slabs will form in the areas with fresh snow on the Northern Alpine Ridge and in Grisons, as well as in the regions with strong northerly winds along the Main Alpine Ridge. This fresh and drifted snow will be prone to triggering. In some places, avalanches may also start in deep layers of the snowpack.

Outlook

Saturday and Sunday

Overnight to Saturday and on Sunday, it will be mostly clear in the west and south, but only partly clear in the north. On Saturday it will be sunny with cumulus clouds as the day progresses. It will remain cool with the zero-degree level at around 2000 m in the north and 2400 m in the south. On Sunday it will be cloudy in the north and a little precipitation may fall in the afternoon. In the west and south it will be sunny at first, becoming increasingly cloudy in the afternoon. The zero-degree level will rise appreciably to around 2800 m. On both days, the wind will be mostly light. At high altitudes, the wind will be moderate at times from northerly directions.

The risk of dry avalanches in the high Alpine regions will decrease. As a consequence of the solar radiation, moist loose snow avalanches from the fresh snow are possible.