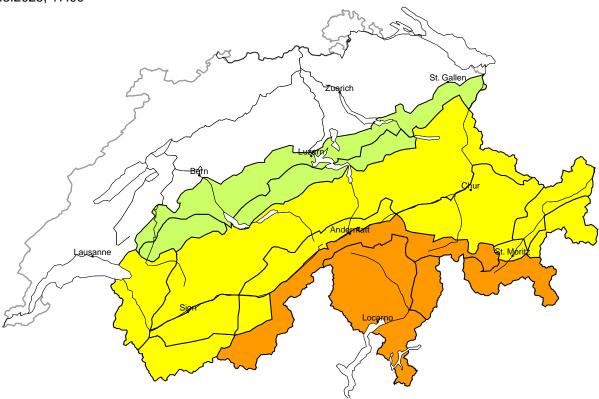
Avalanche danger

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region A

Considerable (3+)

Avalanche prone locations



New snow, Persistent weak layers

W E 2200m

Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack. Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant. As a consequence of a strengthening southerly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form in the course of the day in particular at elevated altitudes. More frequent natural avalanches are possible. In some places avalanches can also be triggered in deep layers and reach large size.

Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and restraint.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. Mostly these are medium-sized.

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Danger levels



2 moderate



3 considerable



high

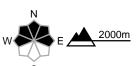
region B

Considerable (3=)



New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The new snow is lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant.

In some places avalanches can also be triggered in deep layers and reach large size. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. Mostly these are medium-sized.

region C

Considerable (3-)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

W E 2200m

Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. At elevated altitudes the prevalence and size of the avalanche prone locations will increase. In isolated cases avalanches can also be triggered in deep layers. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. Mostly these are medium-sized.

region D

Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are mostly small but in some cases prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain. Additionally in isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. Avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in little used backcountry terrain. Ski touring calls for defensive route selection.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. Mostly these are medium-sized.

region E

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a strengthening southwesterly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form in the course of the day at elevated altitudes. Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in very 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.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. Mostly these are medium-sized.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

region F

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

Danger description

The fresh and older wind slabs can be released easily in some cases. Avalanches can reach medium size. In isolated cases avalanches can also penetrate deep layers.

Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. Mostly these are medium-sized.

region G

Moderate (2-)

Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a strengthening southwesterly wind, small wind slabs will form in the course of the day in some localities. Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular 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.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. Mostly these are medium-sized.

Danger levels

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

region H

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

W E 2400m

Danger description

As a consequence of a strengthening southerly wind, small wind slabs will form in the course of the day in some localities. The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain.

Additionally in very isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on extremely steep shady slopes, especially in little used backcountry terrain.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. Mostly these are medium-sized.

region I

Low (1)



Wind slab

As a consequence of southwesterly wind, small wind slabs will form in the course of the day. They are in isolated cases prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in extremely steep terrain. Even a small avalanche can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. Mostly these are medium-sized.

region J

Low (1)



Wind slab

As a consequence of southwesterly wind, small wind slabs will form in the course of the day. They are in isolated cases prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in extremely steep terrain. Even a small avalanche can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual gliding avalanches are possible. Mostly they are small.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The fresh snow on the Main Alpine Ridge and to the south of there is lying in places on an unfavourable old snow surface made up of soft faceted layers, especially on northern slopes. On south-facing slopes, the connection between fresh and old snow is more favourable. In general, in those regions south of a line from the Rhône to the Rhine, deep layers or sometimes the entire snowpack are faceted and loose, especially on steep north-facing slopes. Isolated avalanches can still be triggered in deep layers of the snowpack in these regions.

Further north, the snowpack is usually well consolidated, but near-surface layers are also loose in places. Individual gliding avalanches are still possible, especially in the north.

Weather review for Wednesday

Conditions were mostly cloudy with some precipitation, especially in the south. The snowfall level was between 1200 m on the southern flank of the Alps and in the Jura and 1600 m on the northern flank of the Alps.

Fresh snow

The following amounts fell from Tuesday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon:

- central part of the southern flank of the Alps and Val Bregaglia to the Bernina region: 10 to 20 cm
- directly adjoining regions of the Main Alpine Ridge, extreme west of Lower Valais, Jura: 5 to 10 cm
- less elsewhere.

The following amounts fell from Sunday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon above 2000 m:

- southern flank of the Alps apart from Val Müstair, as well as the Bernina region: 20 to 40 cm
- remaining Main Alpine Ridge: 10 to 20 cm
- elsewhere less or dry

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between 0 °C in the north and -2 °C in the south.

Light to moderate from southerly directions, decreasing as the day progressed

Weather forecast to Thursday

Conditions will vary from cloudy with bright intervals to very cloudy with some precipitation. The snowfall level will drop from 1200 m to 800 m in the north and will be between 1200 and 1400 m in the south. There will be extended brighter spells especially in the inneralpine regions of Valais and Grisons.

Fresh snow

From Wednesday afternoon to Thursday afternoon, the following amounts are anticipated above around 1400 m:

- extreme west of Lower Valais, northern flank of the Alps, Prättigau, Moesano, Avers and Val Bregaglia: 5 to 15 cm
- a widespread few centimetres elsewhere

Temperature

Falling, at midday at 2000 m between -5 °C in the north, -3 °C in the south and 0 °C in the east

Wind

- Still mostly light overnight to Thursday
- During the day mostly moderate, at high altitudes also strong from the southwest



Outlook

On Friday and Saturday, conditions will be overcast with precipitation in the south. A total of 30 to 50 cm of snow is expected to fall on the central part of the main Alpine ridge and south of there as well as in the Avers, Val Bregaglia, Bernina and Val Poschiavo regions; elsewhere less. In the north, conditions will be mostly very cloudy with some precipitation, especially in the east where 10 to 20 cm of snow will fall; elsewhere less. However, the amount of precipitation is still uncertain. The snowfall level will be around 1400 m in the south and 900 m in the north. Brighter spells are possible, especially in the inneralpine regions of Valais and Grisons. Winds from southerly directions will be light to moderate in the mountains, with a moderate bise wind along the Prealps and in the Jura.

The danger of dry avalanches will increase significantly in the south and generally slightly elsewhere. Occasional gliding avalanches are still possible.

