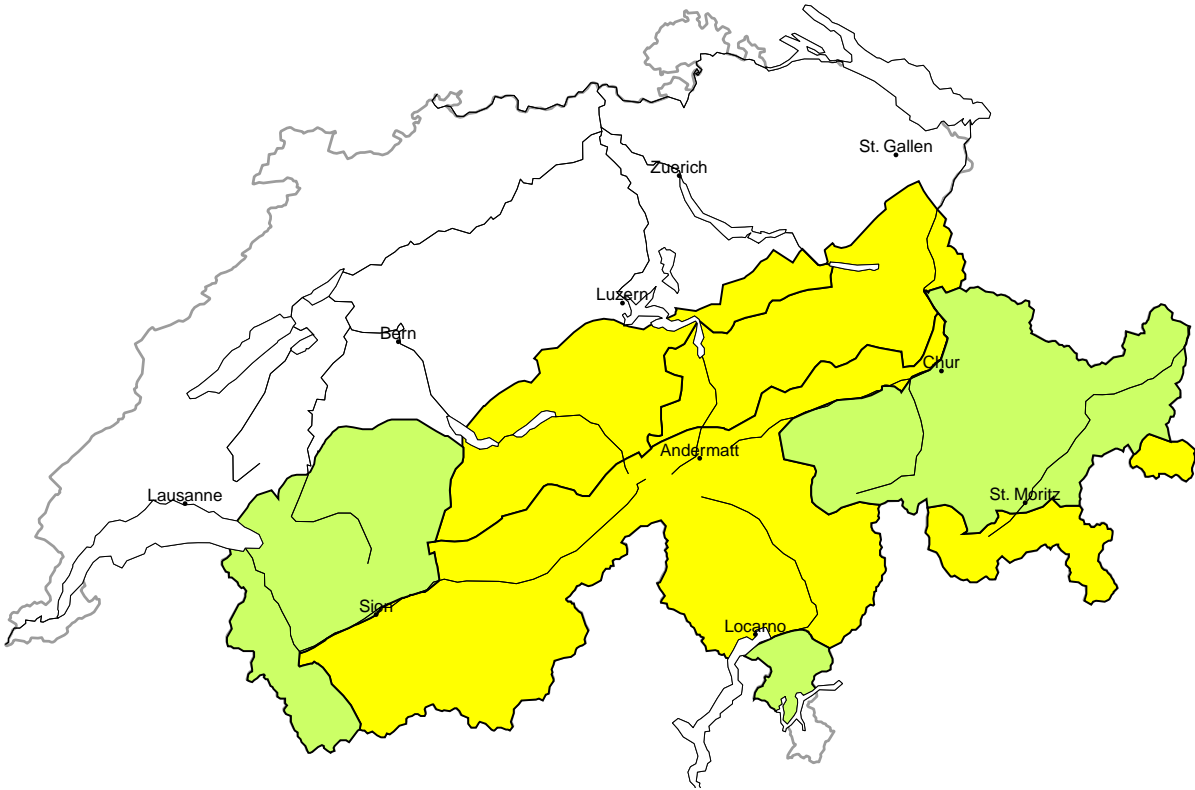


Avalanche danger

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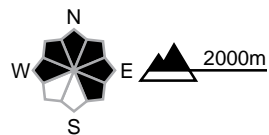
region A

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

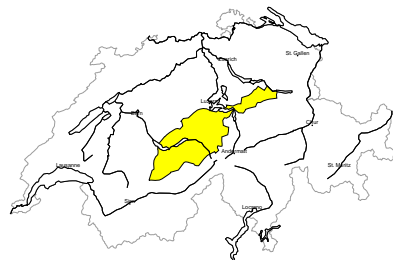


Danger description

Faceted weak layers exist in the centre of the snowpack. In particular in places that are protected from the wind avalanches can be triggered in the old snow and reach medium size. In addition the wind slabs of the last few days are prone to triggering in some cases still. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in very steep terrain. Careful route selection is recommended.

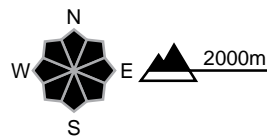
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Moderate (2-)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



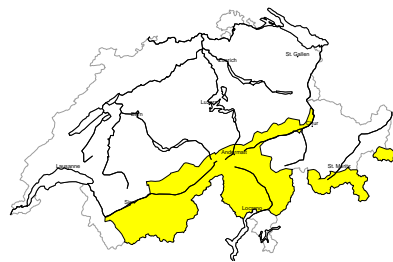
Danger description

Avalanches can in isolated cases be released in near-surface layers. Avalanches are rather small. Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found on very steep slopes. 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.



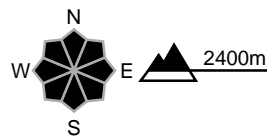
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Moderate (2-)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

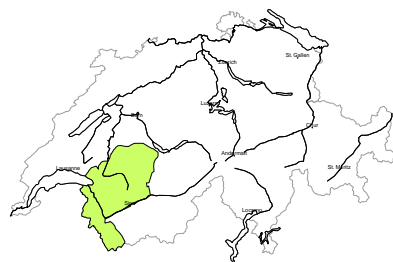


Danger description

The fresh and older wind slabs are in some cases still prone to triggering. They are mostly small. They 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. Avalanches can in some cases reach medium size. Careful route selection is recommended.

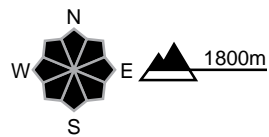
region D

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations

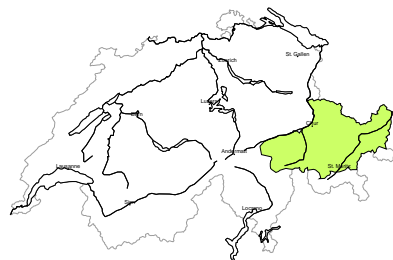


Danger description

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Somewhat older wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence. 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.

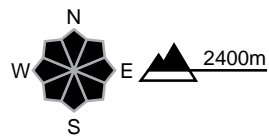
region E

Low (1)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

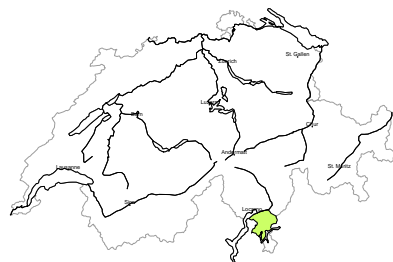


Danger description

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely 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. In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are more widespread and the danger is slightly greater.

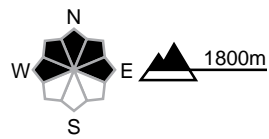
region F

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.

## Snowpack and weather

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### Snowpack

On the northern flank of the Alps, the fresh and drifted snow which has fallen over the last week on high-altitude wind-protected shady slopes is lying on an often faceted and therefore weak old snow surface. Elsewhere, the snow surface has often been shaped by the wind and is frequently frozen solid below 2400 m.

In western and northern Lower Valais, the snowpack structure is relatively favourable.

In other regions, the snowpack is thin and weak, and mostly consists of faceted crystals with embedded crusts. Snowdrift accumulations deposited on top of this snowpack are in some cases triggerable. In addition, isolated avalanches in the old snowpack close to the ground cannot be ruled out, especially on the Main Alpine Ridge in Upper Valais and on the central part of the southern flank of the Alps. However, no more such avalanches have been reported in the last week.

### Weather review for Tuesday

It was sunny and cold in the mountains.

#### Fresh snow

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#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around -12 °C in the north and -8 °C in the south

#### Wind

Northerly wind:

- Moderate to strong along the Main Alpine Ridge and to the south of it
- Elsewhere mostly light

### Weather forecast to Wednesday

In the mountains it will be sunny and remain cold.

#### Fresh snow

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#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around -12 °C

#### Wind

Northwesterly wind:

- Moderate on the Main Alpine Ridge and to the south of it, sometimes strong in the afternoon at higher altitudes
- Elsewhere light to moderate

### Outlook to Friday

There will be widespread precipitation on Thursday and Friday, which will be intense in the west and north from Thursday afternoon. In the extreme west of Lower Valais and northern Lower Valais, a total of 60 to 80 cm of snow is expected to fall; in the rest of Valais and on the northern flank of the Alps, 30 to 60 cm is expected. The snowfall level will increase temporarily to 1600 m in the west and north overnight to Friday, and will remain at low altitude elsewhere. The snowfall will be accompanied by a strong to storm-force westerly wind.

The avalanche danger will increase significantly in the west and north. Danger level 4, high, is expected to be reached in Lower Valais on Friday. The avalanche danger will also increase slightly in Grisons, but will not change significantly in the south.