Avalanche bulletin through Wednesday, 27. December 2023

Avalanche danger

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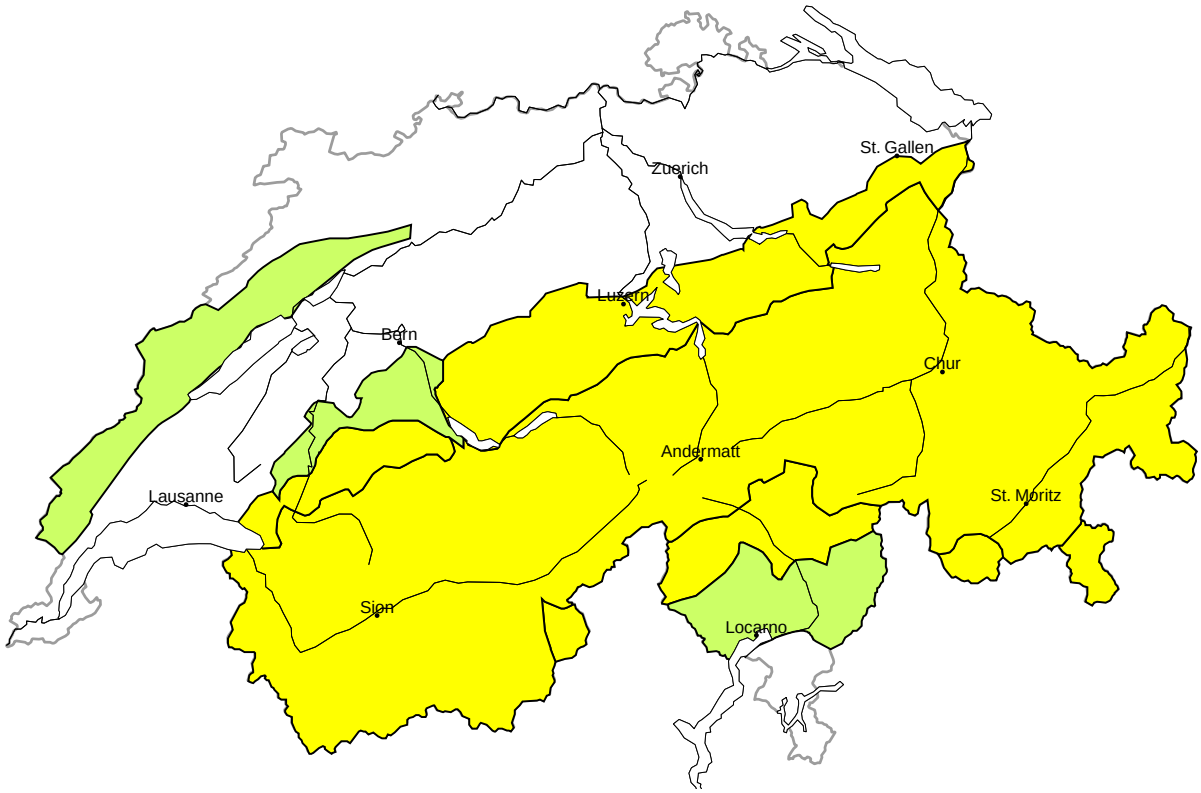
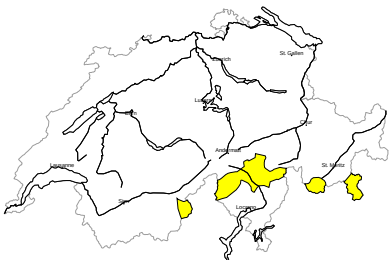


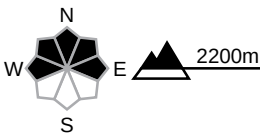
region A

Moderate (2-)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can in particular be released in near-surface layers. Avalanche prone locations are to be found especially at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack, when entering gullies and bowls for example and in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized.
Meticulous route selection is required.

Danger levels 1 low 2 moderate 3 considerable 4 high 5 very high

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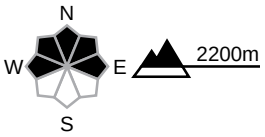
region B

Moderate (2-)

No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



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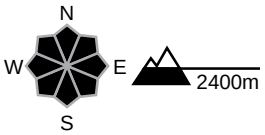
Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

On very steep grassy slopes more gliding avalanches are possible, even large ones. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on east, south and west facing slopes below approximately 2400 m and on north facing slopes below approximately 2200 m. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

region C

Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

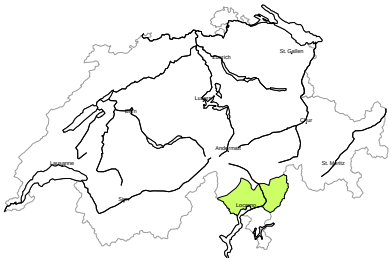
On very steep grassy slopes more gliding avalanches are possible, even large ones. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

Low (1)

No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.
 In many places there is a danger of falling on the icy crust.

region D



Low (1)

No distinct avalanche problem

Only a little snow is lying.
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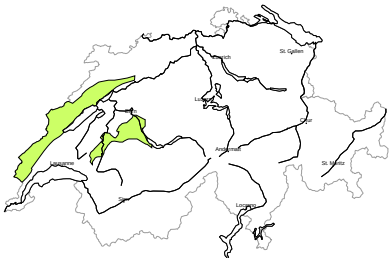
region E	Low (1)



Gliding snow

Only a little snow is lying.
 On very steep grassy slopes individual gliding avalanches are possible, but they will be mostly small.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The snowpack is characterised by stormy weather, warmer temperatures and sometimes rain. Windward locations such as peaks, ridgelines and crests are often blown off down to the ground, or the crusts from November are blown off. There are large, often compact and hard snowdrift accumulations at a distance from ridgelines. The surface of the snowpack is often icy and slippery. There is hardly any transportable snow left. The snowpack structure is generally favourable. However, individual fractures in near-surface layers or also in deeper layers are still possible.There are many glide cracks below approximately 2400 m, except on the southern flank of the Alps. So far, gliding avalanches have mainly occurred on east-, south- and west-facing slopes. They were less prevalent on northern slopes and mostly occurred below approximately 2200 m. Gliding avalanches can be triggered at any time of day or night and can be quite large.

Weather review for St Stephen’s Day, 26.12.2023

During the night and in the morning, it was cloudy with some brighter spells, becoming sunnier in the afternoon.

New fallen snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between +3 °C in the north and +5 °C in the south.

Wind
There was a westerly wind:
- This wind was sometimes strong at high altitudes.
- Otherwise it was weak to moderate.

Weather forecast until Wednesday, 27.12.2023

The night will be mostly clear and during the day it will be mostly sunny in the mountains.

New fallen snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between +8 °C in the north and +3 °C in the south, with the zero-degree level lying at around 3400 m.

Wind
There will be a southwesterly wind:
- This wind will be increasingly strong at high altitudes, and in the afternoon also in the Jura and on the northern flank of the Alps.
- There will be an increasingly foehn wind in the afternoon in the Alpine valleys of the north.

Trend until Friday, 29.12.2023

After a largely clear night, Thursday will be partly sunny in the east with foehn winds, otherwise it will be variable to very cloudy. Some precipitation may fall in the far west. The temperature will drop to 0 °C at 2000 m. It will brighten during Thursday night, with some sunny spells during the day. There will continue to be a moderate to strong westerly wind.The danger of dry avalanches will continue to decrease. Gliding avalanches are still expected, with even large ones anticipated in regions with a lot of snow.