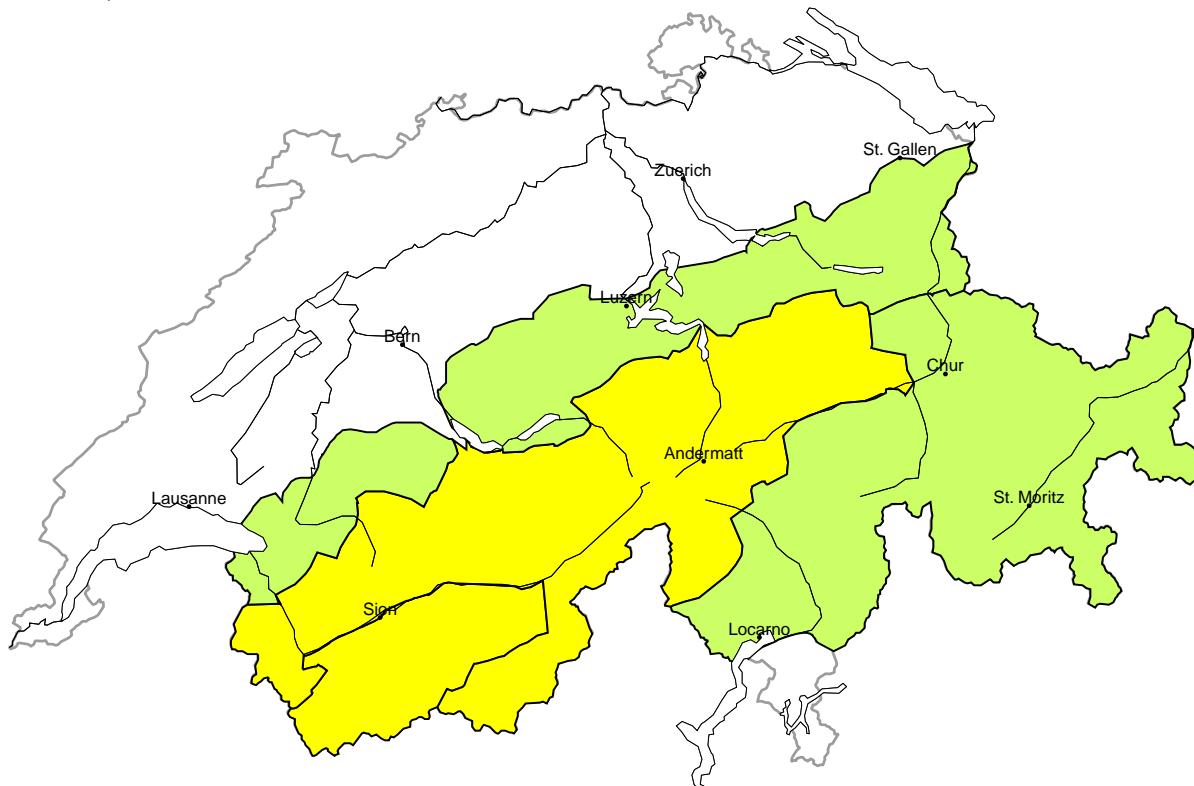


Avalanche danger

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region A

Moderate (2=)

Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

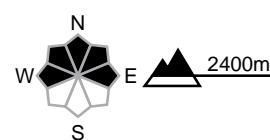
Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant. These can be triggered in the old snowpack and reach large size in isolated cases. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow and at transitions into gullies and bowls. Whumping sounds can indicate the danger. Defensive route selection is appropriate.

region B

Moderate (2-)

Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can in some places be released by people. They can in isolated cases penetrate deep layers reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes and at transitions into gullies and bowls. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

Danger levels

1 low

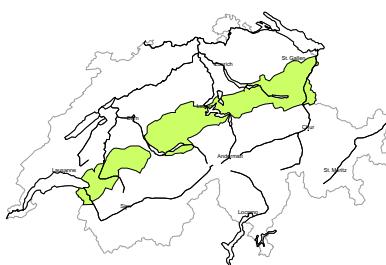
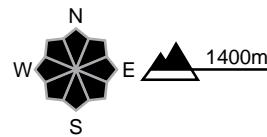
2 moderate

3 considerable

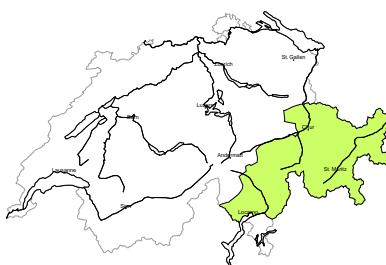
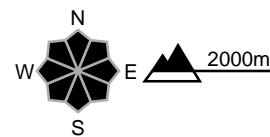
4 high

5 very high



region C**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. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

region D**Low (1)****Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

Only a little snow is lying. Weak layers in the old snowpack can still be released in very isolated cases in particular on extremely steep shady slopes. Mostly the avalanches are small.

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.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

5 very high



Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

In Lower Valais, northern Valais and the Bernese Oberland, there is as much snow at high altitudes as usual for this time of year, but less in the other regions. There is particularly little snow on the southern flank of the Alps and at intermediate altitudes on the eastern part of the northern flank of the Alps.

Weak layers in the snowpack are located in particular on northern and eastern slopes above approximately 2400 m. Hardly any avalanches have been triggered in the last four days, except in southern Lower Valais. Here, human activity triggered isolated avalanches in the weak old snowpack.

Below approximately 2800 m, the surface of the snowpack is stable on very steep southern slopes, otherwise it is mostly brittle. On northern slopes, the snow is sometimes looser and faceted at high altitudes. Below approximately 2100 m, the snowpack beneath the melt-freeze crust is saturated. Wet and gliding avalanche activity has decreased appreciably.

Isolated wet snow slides and gliding avalanches are possible with the sunshine and rising temperatures during the daytime.

Weather review for Saturday

Conditions were sunny and mild in the mountains.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around +5 °C

Wind

Mostly light from southerly directions

Weather forecast to Sunday

Conditions will be sunny and mild in the mountains.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +5 °C in the north and +3 °C in the south

Wind

Mostly light southwesterly to westerly winds

Outlook

On Monday it will be mostly sunny in the mountains, with high broken cloud cover moving in from the southwest in the afternoon. On Tuesday it will mostly be very cloudy with foehn-like bright spells in the east. In the south and on the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais, light precipitation will set in on Tuesday morning, but the precipitation forecast is still uncertain. The southwesterly wind will freshen on Monday and will be moderate to strong. In the alpine valleys on the northern flank of the Alps, there will be moderate to strong southerly foehn winds and it will continue to be mild.

The avalanche danger will increase slightly on Monday during the course of the day with small snowdrift accumulations that are sometimes prone to triggering. On Tuesday, it will increase somewhat in the south during the course of the day with new fallen snow.