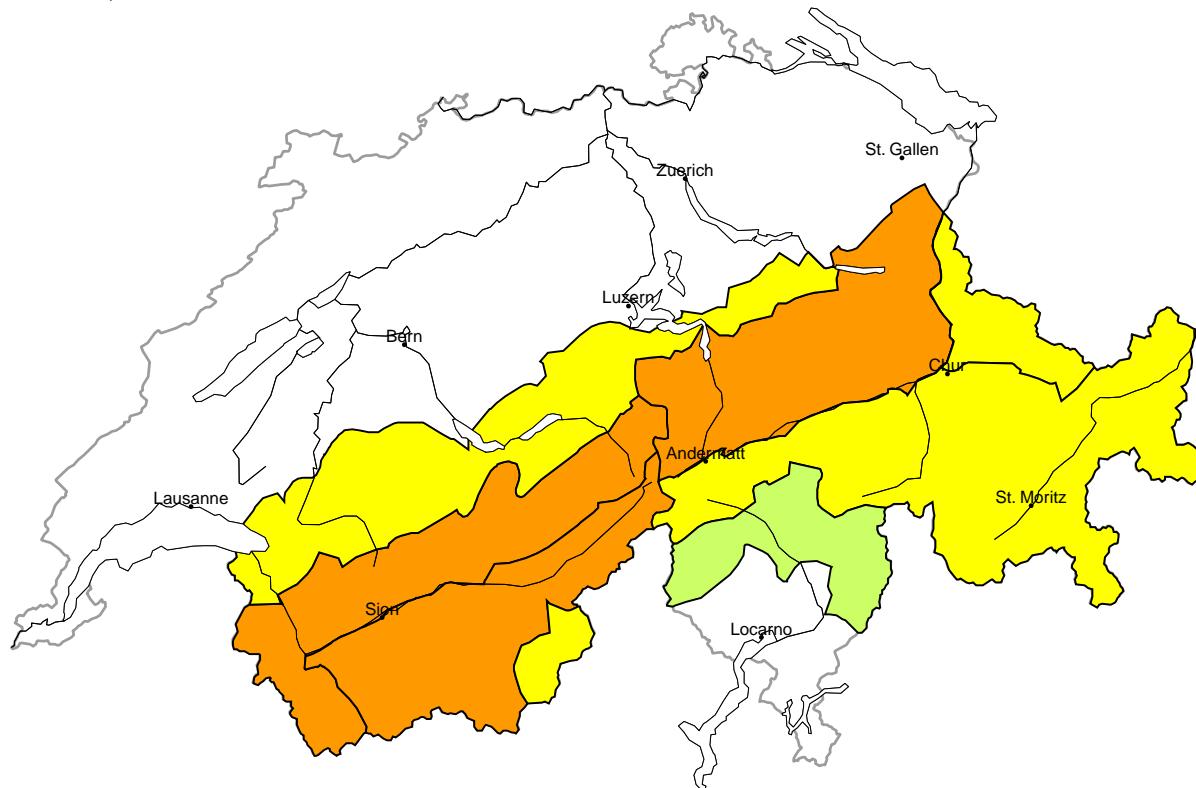
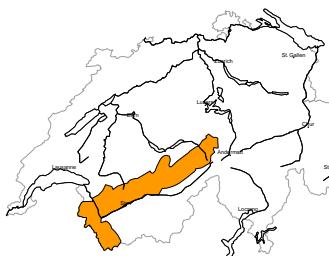


Avalanche danger

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region A

Considerable (3=)

New snow

Avalanche prone locations**Danger description**

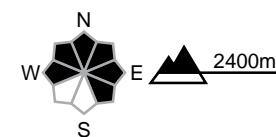
As a consequence of new snow and a strong westerly wind, further wind slabs will form on Sunday. New snow and wind slabs can be released by people. Natural avalanches are possible in particular during the night. Avalanches can in isolated cases penetrate deep layers and reach large size.

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

region B

Considerable (3-)

Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations**Danger description**

As a consequence of new snow and a sometimes strong westerly wind, avalanche-prone wind slabs will form. The avalanche-prone locations are to be found in particular at the base of rock walls and in gullies and bowls. Single persons can release avalanches. Mostly these are medium-sized. As the day progresses as a consequence of the snowfall there will be an increase in the avalanche danger within the current danger level. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Danger levels

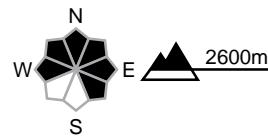
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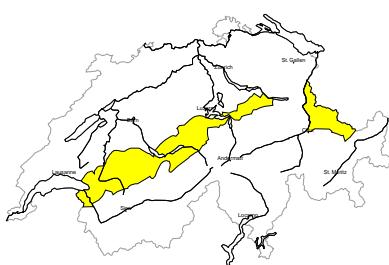
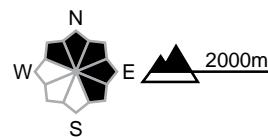
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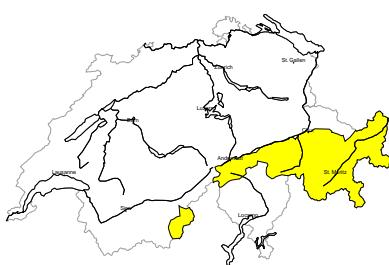
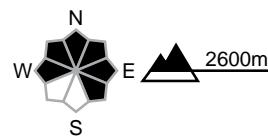
region C**Considerable (3-)****Wind slab****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

As a consequence of new snow and a sometimes strong westerly wind, further wind slabs will form. The fresh and older wind slabs are in some cases prone to triggering. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular at the base of rock walls and in gullies and bowls. Single persons can release avalanches. Mostly these are medium-sized. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

region D**Moderate (2=)****Wind slab****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are in some cases prone to triggering. They are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence. Avalanches 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 E**Moderate (2-)****Wind slab****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released easily in some cases. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular at the base of rock walls and in gullies and bowls. Mostly 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. In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are a little more prevalent. 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.

Danger levels

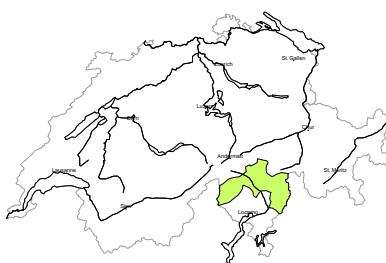
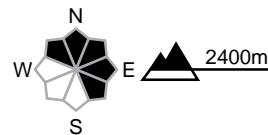
1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

5 very high

region F**Low (1)****Wind slab****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

The somewhat older wind slabs are in some cases still prone to triggering at elevated altitudes. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in extreme terrain. Even a small avalanche can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

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.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

5 very high



Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

This week's new snow and drifted snow is lying on a continuous snowpack above approximately 2800 m and generally in glaciated high Alpine regions. Especially on north-facing slopes, some faceted surfaces have been covered with snow. Due to the strong to storm-force winds from the west, snow distribution is very irregular.

Snowdrift accumulations prone to triggering will develop on Sunday with ongoing snowfall and wind. In addition, gliding avalanches are possible in regions exposed to significant new snowfall.

Weather review for Saturday

Some snow fell in the west and north on Saturday. The snowfall level was between 1500 and 1700 m. There were sunny intervals over the course of the day in the south. New snow

New snow

From midday on Friday to midday on Saturday above approximately 2000 m:

- extreme west of Lower Valais, northern Valais from the Wildhorn to Goms: 10 to 20 cm, in the far west locally up to 30 cm
- otherwise a widespread few centimetres, mostly dry in Grisons and Ticino

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m 0 °C in the north and +3 °C in the far south

Wind

Moderate to strong, from westerly directions

Weather forecast to Sunday

There will be widespread snowfall overnight to Sunday except in the south. Conditions will clear over the course of the day in Upper Valais and Engadine, while conditions will be sunny in the south. Elsewhere, snow will continue to fall. The snowfall level will be around 1800 m at night and drop to 1000 m by Sunday evening.

New snow

From Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon above approximately 2000 m:

- extreme west of Lower Valais, Northern Alpine Ridge: 20 to 40 cm
- rest of northern flank of the Alps, rest of Lower Valais, Prättigau: 10 to 20 cm
- Upper Valais, other parts of northern Grisons, Lower Engadine north of the Inn: 5 to 10 cm, elsewhere less or no snow

Temperature

Falling, reaching -4 °C in the north and 0 °C in the south at midday at 2000 m.

Wind

Strong westerly winds in the north, moderate to strong north-westerly winds in the south

Outlook

There will be heavy snowfall in the north and west on Monday and overnight to Tuesday. The snowfall level will rise to around 1800 m in the west and 1400 m in the east. Conditions will only be sunny in the far south on Monday.

On Tuesday morning there will still be cloud cover especially in the east, with conditions otherwise mostly sunny. The zero-degree level will increase to 2800 m in the west and 2200 m in the east.

The wind will be strong to storm-force on Monday and moderate from the west on Tuesday.

From Sunday evening to Tuesday morning, 40 to 60 cm of snow is expected at 2000 m in the extreme west of Lower Valais, on the Northern Alpine Ridge and in Prättigau. In the rest of Valais, the Gotthard region, northern and central Grisons, 20 to 40 cm of snow will fall, with less or no snow further south.

Avalanche risk will increase significantly in the far west and north on Monday and may reach level 4 (high) in some regions. Naturally triggered avalanches, some large, are expected. Touring conditions are critical. In other regions, the risk will increase somewhat.

Gliding avalanches are possible in regions with significant new snowfall.