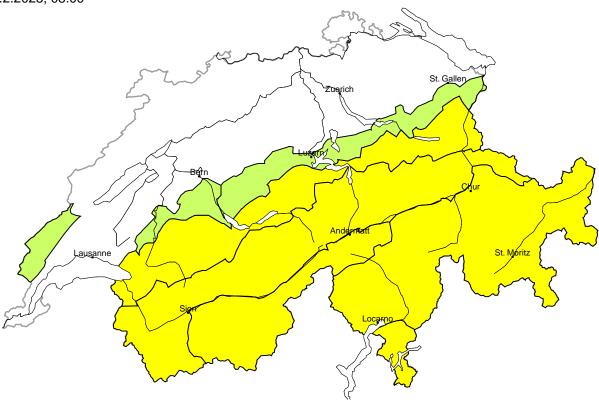
Avalanche danger

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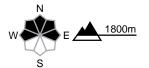
region A

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases prone to triggering. The prevalence of these avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude. Avalanches can in some cases be released by people and reach medium size.

Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

In particular on steep sunny slopes individual gliding avalanches are possible below approximately 2400 m. These can in some cases reach large size. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation moist loose snow avalanches are possible.

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Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

5 very high

region B

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases prone to triggering. The prevalence of these avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude. Avalanches can additionally be released in near-surface layers in isolated cases. Avalanches can in some cases be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size.

Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

In particular on steep sunny slopes individual gliding avalanches are possible below approximately 2400 m. These can in some cases reach large size. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation moist loose snow avalanches are possible.

region C

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The somewhat older wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches. These can in isolated cases penetrate near-ground layers of the snowpack and reach dangerously large size. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in little used backcountry terrain.

Ski touring and other off-piste activities, including snowshoe hiking, call for careful route selection.

Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

In particular on steep sunny slopes individual gliding avalanches are possible below approximately 2400 m. These can in some cases reach large size. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation moist loose snow avalanches are possible.

Danger levels



2 moderate



3 considerable



region D

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

W E 2200m

Danger description

The somewhat older wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches. These can in isolated cases penetrate near-ground layers of the snowpack and reach dangerously large size. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in little used backcountry terrain.

Ski touring and other off-piste activities, including snowshoe hiking, call for careful route selection.

region E

Moderate (2-)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations

W E 1800m

Danger description

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes. 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.

region F

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

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 G

Low (1)



Wind slab

The somewhat older wind slabs are in individual cases still prone to triggering. They are mostly rather small. Caution is to be exercised in particular in extremely steep terrain. Even a small avalanche can sweep snow sport participants along and give rise to falls.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

In particular on steep sunny slopes individual gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks. In addition moist snow slides are possible.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

Some of the snowdrift accumulations from the last few days are still prone to triggering. In the west and north, avalanches can also be triggered at the transition from drifted snow to old snow lying near the surface.

In southern Valais, Grisons and Ticino, there are weak layers in the lower part of the snowpack, and in these regions avalanches may be triggered in drifted snow and sweep away deeper layers of the snowpack. Occasionally, avalanches may also be triggered directly in deep layers, especially in the Engadine and south of there.

Gliding avalanches, some large, are still possible.

Weather review for Tuesday

Conditions were sunny in the mountains.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +2 °C in the west and -2 °C in the east

Wind

From westerly to north-westerly:

- sometimes moderate to strong at high altitudes, easing as the day progresses
- elsewhere light to moderate

Weather forecast to Wednesday

In the mountains conditions will be mostly sunny with high broken cloud. On the southern flank of the Alps, it will be overcast below 2000 m and a few centimetres of snow may fall down into the valleys in the morning. Towards the evening, cloud cover will increase from the west.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, +1 °C in the north and -5 °C in the south

Wind

Light to moderate from westerly directions

Outlook

Thursday morning will see cloudy conditions in the north and west with the possibility of a little precipitation, which will fall as snow above approximately 1800 m. It will turn increasingly sunny over the course of the day. In the south, conditions will be mostly sunny. Friday will be sunny in the mountains. Winds will be light to moderate on both days, westerly to northerly on Thursday, turning to southerly to south-westerly on Friday. The zero-degree level will be at 2200 m on Thursday, rising to 2800 m in the north on Friday.

Avalanche danger will decrease, only slowly in southern Valais, Ticino and Grisons due to the weak snowpack structure. There will continue to be a possibility of gliding avalanches.

