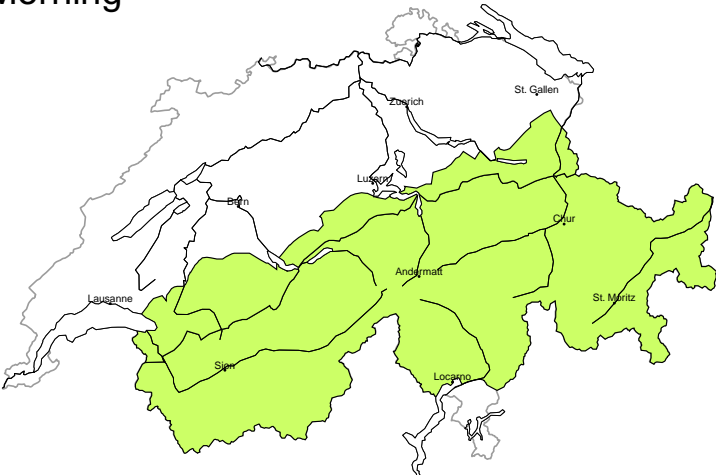


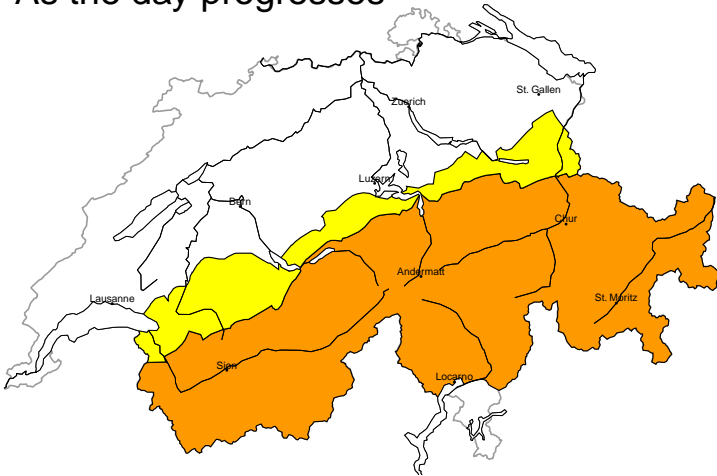
Avalanche danger

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Morning

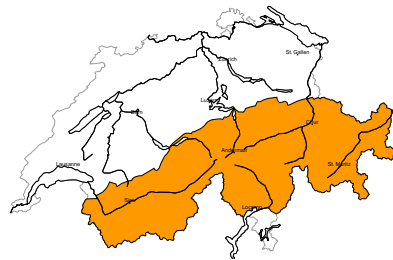


As the day progresses



region A

Low (1) Dry avalanches, whole day



No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular on extremely steep north facing slopes at elevated altitudes. 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. 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.

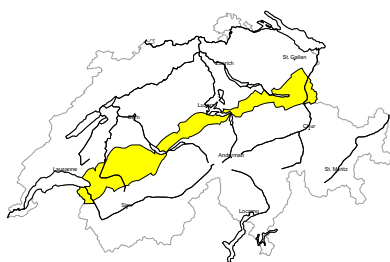
Considerable (3) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day

Wet snow, Gliding snow

The old snowpack will become increasingly wet all the way through, also on steep north facing slopes at elevated altitudes. The surface of the snowpack will cool hardly at all during the overcast night. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. Caution is to be exercised in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 3200 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2800 m. Backcountry tours should be started early and concluded timely.

region B

Low (1) Dry avalanches, whole day

**No distinct avalanche problem**

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular on extremely steep north facing slopes at elevated altitudes. 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.

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.

Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses**Wet snow, Gliding snow**

The old snowpack will become increasingly wet all the way through, also on steep north facing slopes at elevated altitudes.

The surface of the snowpack will cool hardly at all during the overcast night. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation medium-sized wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. Caution is to be exercised in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 3200 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2800 m.

Backcountry tours should be started early and concluded timely.



Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

On steep northern slopes in the high Alpine regions, the snowpack is still dry.

The old snowpack is water-saturated on southern slopes up to the high Alpine regions and on eastern and western slopes up to around 3000 m. On northern slopes, most of the old snowpack is water-saturated up to around 2800 m. Large wet avalanches may still occur at these altitudes because some weak layers deep in the snowpack will become significantly less stable when they first become saturated. Isolated wet slab avalanches have also been triggered by human activity. After a mostly overcast night, the surface of the snowpack will barely be capable of bearing loads. Over the course of the morning, it will soften rapidly with diffuse solar radiation and rising temperatures, and the risk of wet avalanches will increase significantly, especially on north-facing slopes.

Weather review for Friday

After a clear night, conditions were sunny.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m around +12 °C; zero-degree level around 3800 m

Wind

Light to moderate southwesterly

Weather forecast to Saturday

Overnight to Saturday conditions will be mostly overcast, with a little local precipitation in the north, falling as rain below 3000 m. The west and south will be sunny during the day, while the north will be cloudy with sunny intervals and localised showers.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m around +10 °C; zero-degree level around 3200 m

Wind

Southwesterly:

- increasing to moderate to strong over the course of the day on the northern flank of the Alps
- light in the south

Outlook

Sunday

Overnight to Sunday conditions will be mostly cloudy with precipitation. During the day, it will be mostly cloudy with widespread showers and localised thunderstorms. In Valais and in the south there may be brighter spells. 20 to 30 cm of snow will fall on the northern flank of the Alps, less elsewhere. The snowfall level will be at 2600 m. The north will see strong southwesterly winds during the night, but otherwise winds will mostly be light.

There will be a slight but widespread increase in the risk of dry avalanches, with this being considerable on the northern flank of the Alps depending on the amount of precipitation. Wet avalanches are still to be expected, especially on north-facing slopes.

Monday

Overnight to Monday conditions will be very cloudy with precipitation and thunderstorms. During the day it will be very cloudy with widespread precipitation. The south and east will see the most snowfall, with 20 to 30 cm, and as much as 40 cm from Moesano to the Bernina region. The snowfall level will fall to 1800 m in the north and 2400 m in the south. Winds will mainly be light.

The risk of dry avalanches will increase, significantly from the Moesano to the Bernina region. Wet avalanches are still to be expected, especially on northern slopes.