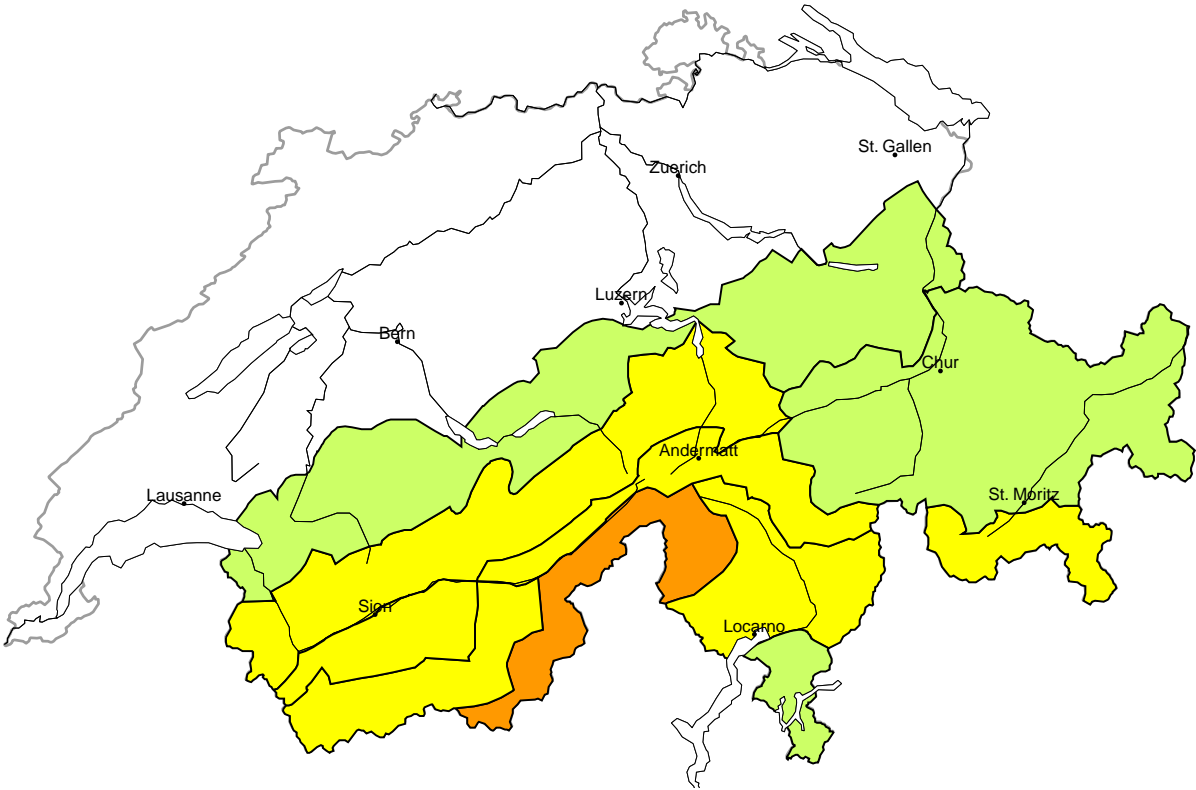
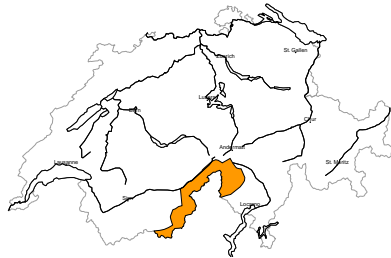


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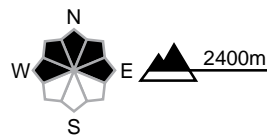
region A

Considerable (3-)



New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs of the last two days are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Avalanches can be released easily and reach large size in isolated cases. Remotely triggered avalanches are possible. Whumpfung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger. Defensive route selection is recommended.

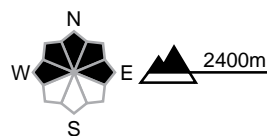
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Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



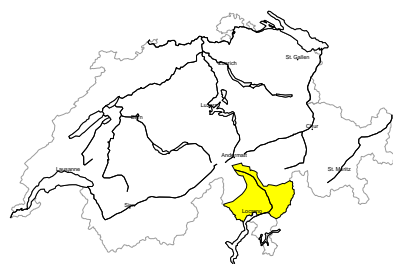
Danger description

The mostly small wind slabs of Thursday are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.



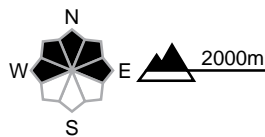
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Moderate (2=)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

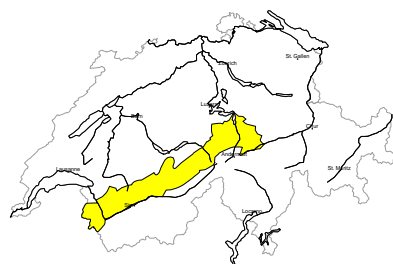


Danger description

The new snow of the last two days is lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

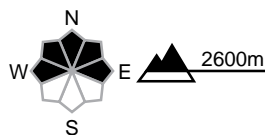
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Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations

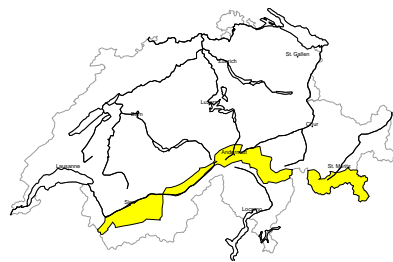


Danger description

As a consequence of a strong to storm force southerly wind, small wind slabs formed in the last three days in some places. Additionally in very isolated cases avalanches can also be released in deep layers and reach medium size in isolated cases. 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. 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.

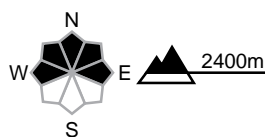
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Moderate (2-)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

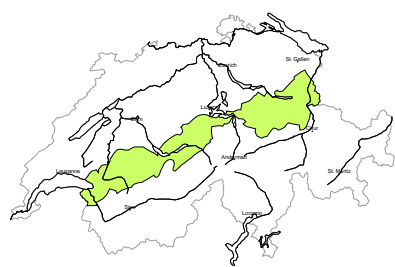


Danger description

The small wind slabs of the last two days are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Avalanches can in isolated cases be released by people and reach medium size. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection. 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.

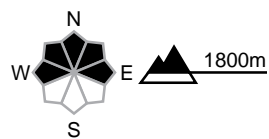
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Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations

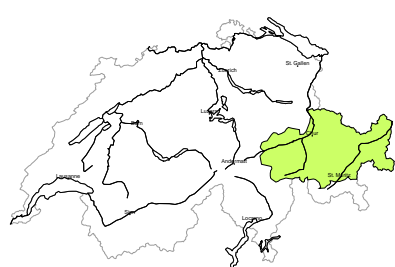


Danger description

A little snow is lying. 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.

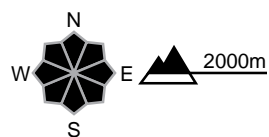
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Low (1)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

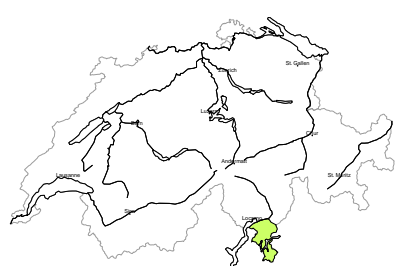


Danger description

In very isolated cases avalanches can be triggered in the weakly bonded old snow and reach medium size. In some localities small wind slabs formed. Caution is to be exercised in particular in extremely steep terrain. 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.

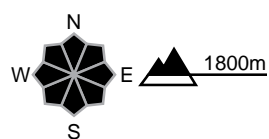
region H

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

From a snow sport perspective, in most cases insufficient snow is lying. Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Even a snow slide can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

There is appreciably less snow than usual at this time of year in most regions and snow conditions for ski touring are very poor in many places, especially below 2000 m and generally in the east.

The snowpack structure varies from region to region:

- On the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais and on the central southern flank of the Alps, fresh and drifted snow has been deposited on a thin but weak old snowpack of faceted crystals, and avalanches may be triggered in the old snowpack in these regions.
- In the inneralpine regions of Valais, in northern Valais and throughout Grisons, there are weak layers of faceted crystals or surface hoar in the snowpack on shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. Although these weak layers have proven triggerable in stability tests, it is very rare for avalanches actually to be triggered. Where fresh and somewhat older snowdrift accumulations are lying on the weak snowpack, small avalanches are possible. On wind-protected shady slopes, the surface of the snowpack is faceted and loose.
- The snowpack structure is more favourable in western and northern Lower Valais and on the northern flank of the Alps. Below 2400 m, the snowpack has mostly frozen solid.

Weather review for Friday

Some snow continued to fall in the south during the night. The snowfall level was around 1000 m. During the day conditions were sunny in the mountains.

Fresh snow

In total, the following amounts fell above 1400 m between Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning:

- Main Alpine Ridge in Valais from Monte Rosa to the Nufenen Pass, Val Bedretto, Valle Maggia: 30 to 40 cm, in the Simplon region up to 50 cm
- remaining part of the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais directly along the border with Italy, remaining central part of the southern flank of the Alps: 10 to 20 cm
- Aletsch region, Main Alpine Ridge from the Nufenen pass to Upper Engadine: 5 to 10 cm
- elsewhere a few centimetres or dry

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +3°C in the north and -1°C in the south

Wind

During the night to Friday in the high Alpine regions and in the Alpine valleys in the north, moderate to strong, otherwise light to moderate south to southeasterly

Weather forecast to Saturday

After a clear night, conditions will be sunny in the mountains during the day.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around +4°C

Wind

Overnight to Saturday in the high Alpine regions and in the Alpine valleys in the north, moderate, sometimes strong south to southeasterly, elsewhere light to moderate

Outlook to Monday

Conditions will be sunny in the mountains. The zero-degree level will rise to 3200 m on Sunday and will be at 2600 m on Monday. Winds will be mostly light.

Avalanche danger will continue to decrease in areas with fresh snow, otherwise it will remain largely unchanged.