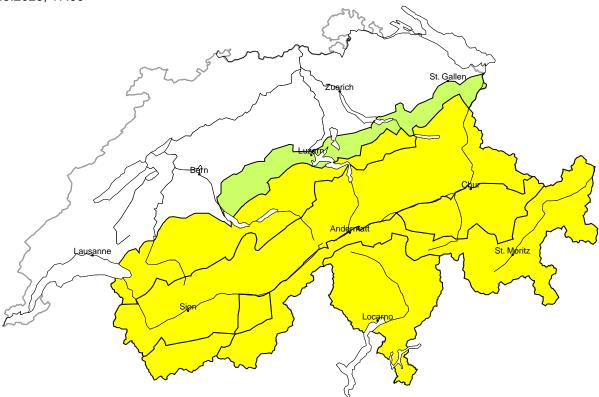
# Avalanche danger

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### region A

# Moderate (2+)

# Persistent weak layers

### Avalanche prone locations



### **Danger description**

Avalanches can in some places be released in the weakly bonded old snow. They can reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are difficult to recognise. Isolated whumpfing sounds can indicate the danger. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for defensive route selection.

As a consequence of northeasterly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in very steep terrain.

### Moderate (2)

### Wet snow, Gliding snow

As the day progresses medium-sized to large wet and gliding avalanches are possible. This applies especially on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m, as well as on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m. Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

### region B

### Moderate (2+)



### Persistent weak layers

#### Avalanche prone locations



#### **Danger description**

Avalanches can in some cases be released in nearsurface layers. They can in very isolated cases penetrate deep layers and reach large size. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection. As a consequence of northerly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in very steep terrain.

### Moderate (2)

### Wet snow, Gliding snow

As the day progresses medium-sized to large wet and gliding avalanches are possible. This applies especially on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m, as well as on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m. Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

### region C

### Moderate (2=)



### Persistent weak layers

#### Avalanche prone locations



#### **Danger description**

In isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are barely recognisable. Defensive route selection is advisable.

As a consequence of northeasterly wind, small wind slabs will form. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in extremely steep terrain.

### **Moderate (2)**

### Wet snow, Gliding snow

As the day progresses medium-sized to large wet and gliding avalanches are possible. This applies especially on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m, as well as on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m. Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

Danger levels

3 considerable

5 very high

### region D

### Moderate (2-)



### No distinct avalanche problem

#### Avalanche prone locations



#### **Danger description**

The avalanche conditions are mostly favourable. Dry avalanches can in very isolated cases be released in near-surface layers. They can reach medium size. As a consequence of easterly wind, small wind slabs will form at elevated altitudes. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in extreme 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

### **Moderate (2)**

### Wet snow, Gliding snow

As the day progresses medium-sized to large wet and gliding avalanches are possible. This applies especially on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m, as well as on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m. Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

### region E

### Moderate (2)



### Wet snow, Gliding snow

As the day progresses medium-sized to large wet and gliding avalanches are possible. This applies especially on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m, as well as on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m. Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

#### Low (1)

### No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. As a consequence of bise wind, small wind slabs will form in particular on north facing slopes. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in terrain where there is a danger of falling.

### region F

### Low (1)



#### Gliding snow

In particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes individual medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

nigh

5 very high

## Snowpack and weather

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### **Snowpack**

The sometimes strong northerly winds will transport the snow, which is still loose on shady slopes and close to the surface, creating wind slabs that are prone to triggering, especially in the south.

The old snowpack is quite favourable in the north. In southern Valais and Grisons, it is faceted and is prone to triggering in places. In Ticino, the weak layers in the old snowpack are now so heavily covered that only isolated avalanches can be triggered in the old snowpack.

The snowpack is water-saturated on southern slopes up into high Alpine regions, as well as on western and eastern slopes below approximately 2000 to 2200 m. On northern slopes moistening is only superficial. With reduced outgoing longwave radiation during the night and the daytime consequences of warming and solar radiation, wet and gliding avalanches are still possible.

### Weather review for Wednesday

In the north and east, it was very cloudy and some precipitation fell in some regions, falling as snow above approximately 1600 m. In Valais and the Engadine it was partly sunny, while it was mostly sunny on the southern flanks of the Alps, with cumulus clouds developing as the day progressed.

#### Fresh snow

Above approximately 2000 m: central and eastern parts of the northern flank of the Alps up to 10 cm, otherwise a few centimetres in some localities.

#### **Temperature**

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

#### Wind

Light to moderate from north to northeast.

### Weather forecast to Thursday

During the night into Thursday, there will still be little precipitation in the north and east. The snowfall level will be around 1400 m. During the day, there will be stratus-like clouds in the north at first, then it will be partly sunny as the day progresses. It will be mostly sunny in Valais, on the southern flank of the Alps and in the Engadine.

#### Fresh snow

Northern flank of the Alps from the Bernese Alps to Liechtenstein and Grisons: a few centimetres.

#### **Temperature**

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

#### Wind

- Moderate northeasterly to easterly winds, strong at times at high altitudes.
- Moderate northerly foehn wind in the south.



#### Outlook

#### **Friday**

In the mountains, it will be mostly sunny with cumulus clouds developing as the day progresses. Winds will be light to moderate and will shift to the northwest.

The risk of dry avalanches will slowly decrease. Wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected as the day progresses. Touring and off-piste descents should be completed in good time.

#### **Saturday**

In the north, it will be very cloudy with persistent precipitation. The snowfall level will drop from 1500 to 1000 m. On the northern flank of the Alps, 20 to 30 cm of snow is expected to fall, with less in Valais and Grisons. In the south, it will be dry and partly sunny. The northerly wind will become increasingly strong as the day progresses.

The danger of dry avalanches will increase, significantly so on the northern flank of the Alps. In the south, wet and gliding avalanches are again to be expected as the day progresses. In the north, the danger of wet and gliding avalanches will decrease slightly.

