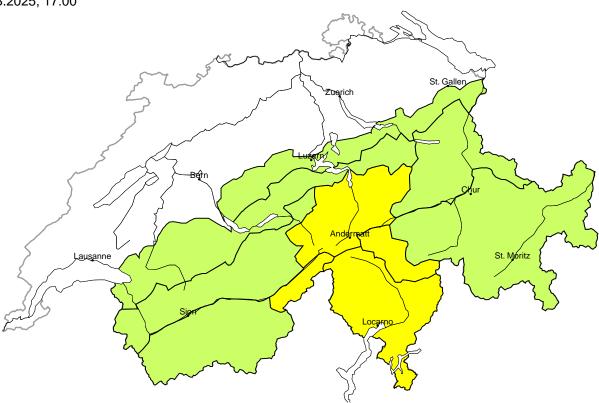
Avalanche danger

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region A

Moderate (2=)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can in some cases be released in deep layers and reach medium size. This applies especially on very steep shady slopes. Careful route selection is recommended.

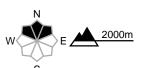
region B

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of southerly foehn wind, mostly shallow wind slabs will form on north facing slopes. These are prone to triggering. Mostly the 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.

Low (1)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual wet and gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. They can reach medium size.

region C

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

Danger description

As a consequence of southerly foehn wind, mostly shallow wind slabs will form on north facing slopes. These are prone to triggering. They are to be avoided in steep terrain.

Additionally in very isolated cases avalanches can be released in deep layers and reach medium size. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep shady slopes in little used backcountry terrain.

Low (1)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual wet and gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. They can reach medium size.

region D

Moderate (2-)

Avalanche prone locations

Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Danger description

As a consequence of southerly foehn wind, mostly shallow wind slabs will form on north facing slopes. These are prone to triggering. They are to be avoided in steep terrain.

Additionally in very isolated cases avalanches can be released in deep layers and reach medium size. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep shady slopes in little used backcountry terrain.

region E

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

The avalanche conditions are favourable.

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular on extreme shady slopes, especially in little used backcountry terrain. Mostly the 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.

Low (1)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual wet and gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. They can reach medium size.

region F

Low (1)



Wind slab

As a consequence of southerly foehn wind, wind slabs will form on north facing slopes. These are mostly small but prone to triggering. They are to be avoided 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.

Low (1)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual wet and gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. They can reach medium size.

region G

Low (1)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

As a consequence of southerly wind, small wind slabs will form on north facing slopes. These are to be avoided in terrain where there is a danger of falling. Additionally in very isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on extremely steep shady slopes, especially in little used backcountry terrain.

Low (1)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual wet and gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. They can reach medium size.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

5 very high

region H

Low (1)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

As a consequence of southerly wind, small wind slabs will form on north facing slopes. These are to be avoided in terrain where there is a danger of falling. Additionally in very isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on extremely steep shady slopes, especially in little used backcountry terrain.

region I

Low (1)



Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual wet and gliding avalanches are possible, in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes. They can reach medium size.



1 low

2 moderate

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Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

In the early morning, on steep south-facing slopes there is often a supporting crust, while west and east-facing slopes have a brittle melt-freeze crust. On north-facing slopes, there is often loose, faceted snow on the surface. This may be transported in some localities by the rising foehn wind.

In the north, weak layers near the surface are very occasionally still prone to triggering, most likely on shady slopes that are protected from the wind. Otherwise, the snowpack is mostly well consolidated in these regions.

In southern Valais, Ticino and Grisons, there are faceted, soft layers deeper in the snowpack. The snow layering in these regions is more unfavourable and avalanches can also very occasionally be triggered in deep layers of the snowpack. As the day progresses, individual wet and gliding avalanches are possible.

Weather review for Wednesday

Conditions were sunny in the mountains.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +4 °C in the north and +2 °C in the south.

Wind

- Light to moderate from the southeast.
- Gradually increasing foehn wind in the upper valleys of the north.

Weather forecast to Thursday

Conditions will be sunny in the mountains.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

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

Wind

- Moderate and a sometimes strong southerly wind as the day progresses.
- Foehn wind in the valleys of the north.

Outlook

On Friday and Saturday it will be sunny in the mountains and still mild in the north. There will be moderate foehn winds in the north throughout this whole period, and strong foehn winds in some localities during the night into Friday. In the regions that are exposed to the foehn wind in the north, small wind slabs will form locally on shady slopes. Apart from this, the avalanche situation remains favourable over a wide area. Individual wet and gliding avalanches will still be possible.

