Avalanche danger

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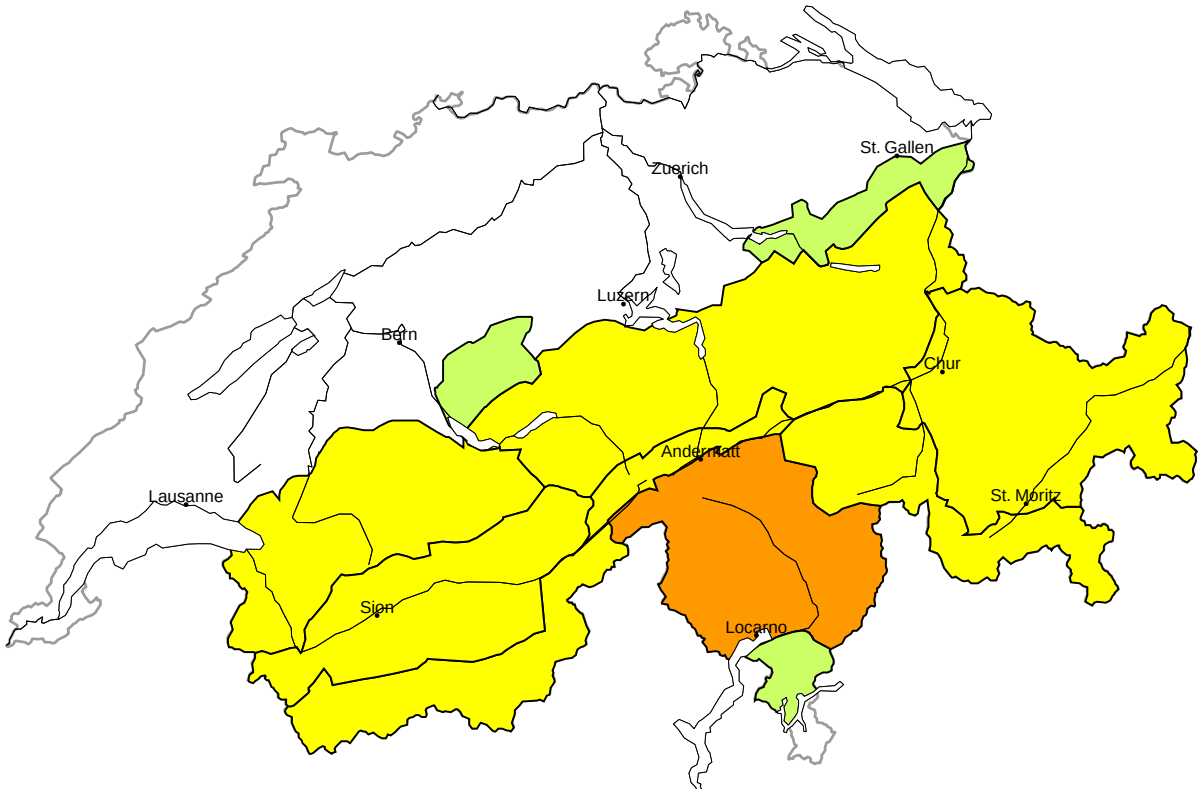
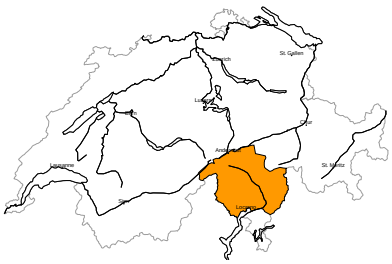


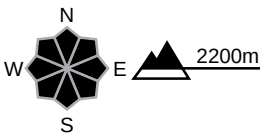
region A

Considerable (3-)



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The fresh snow and the wind slabs that are being formed by the moderate to strong northerly wind are prone to triggering. Avalanches can be released by people and reach medium size.
Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

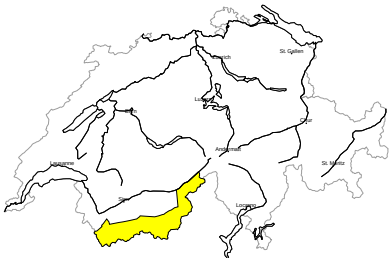
Considerable (3)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of the heavy rain wet avalanches are possible during the night. This applies in particular on very steep north facing slopes below approximately 2400 m.
As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation medium-sized and large wet and gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 3000 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2600 m. In addition in all aspects, many small to medium-sized moist loose snow avalanches are to be expected.
The conditions are sometimes unfavourable for ski touring.

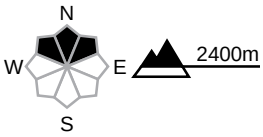
region B

Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can in very isolated cases be released in deep layers and reach very large size, this applies in particular in case of a large load.
In addition the fresh and older wind slabs are prone to triggering in some cases. These are to be found in all aspects. Avalanches can reach medium size.
Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for defensive route selection.

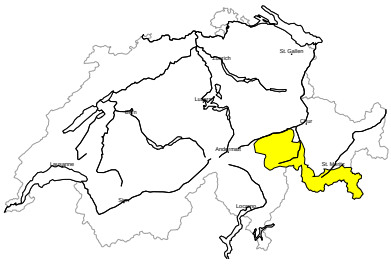
Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation medium-sized and large wet and gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 3000 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2600 m. Backcountry tours should be concluded timely.

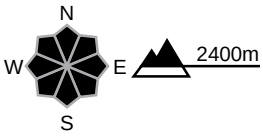
region C

Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and a moderate to strong northerly wind, wind slabs will form. They are in some cases prone to triggering. Avalanches can in some places be released by people. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain.
Additionally in isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep shady slopes in little used backcountry terrain.
Avalanches can reach medium size. Careful route selection is recommended.

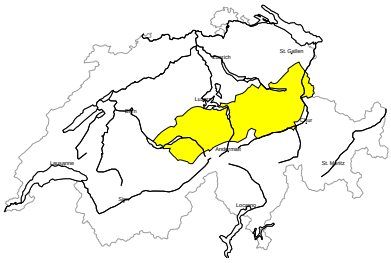
Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

The surface of the snowpack will cool hardly at all during the overcast night. In particular on very steep grassy slopes individual medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible. This applies in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 3000 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2600 m.

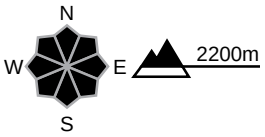
region D

Moderate (2=)



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description
The new snow is in some cases prone to triggering. In addition avalanche prone wind slabs will form at elevated altitudes. Winter sport participants can release avalanches in some places, including medium-sized ones.
Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

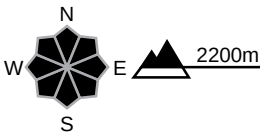
The surface of the snowpack will cool hardly at all during the overcast night. In particular on very steep grassy slopes individual medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible. This applies in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 3000 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2600 m.

region E

Moderate (2=)

New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description
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Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

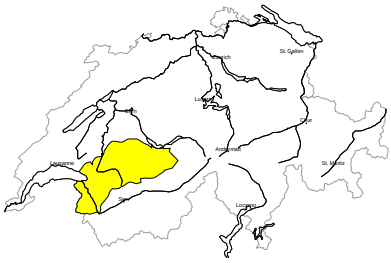
Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation medium-sized and large wet and gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 3000 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2600 m. Backcountry tours should be concluded timely.

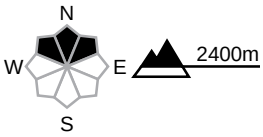
region F

Moderate (2-)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description
Dry avalanches can be released in near-surface layers by people. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep north facing slopes and adjacent to ridgelines and in pass areas in all aspects.
Avalanches can in isolated cases reach medium size. Careful route selection is recommended.

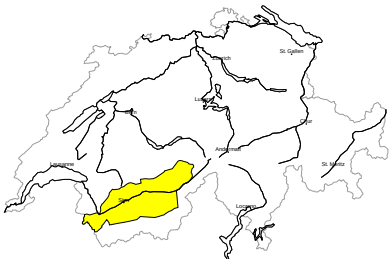
Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

The surface of the snowpack will cool hardly at all during the overcast night. In particular on very steep grassy slopes individual medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible. This applies in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 3000 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2600 m.

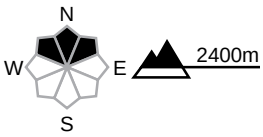
region G

Moderate (2-)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description
Dry avalanches can be released in near-surface layers by people. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep north facing slopes and adjacent to ridgelines and in pass areas in all aspects.
Avalanches can in isolated cases reach medium size. Careful route selection is recommended.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation medium-sized and large wet and gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 3000 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2600 m. Backcountry tours should be concluded timely.

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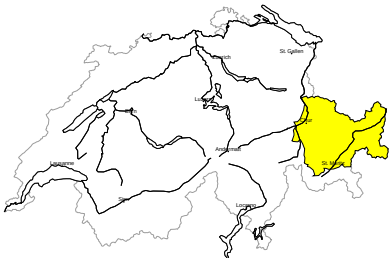
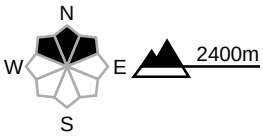
region H

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and a moderate northerly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in very steep terrain. In high Alpine regions these avalanche prone locations are present in all aspects. Additionally in isolated cases dry avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. Caution is to be exercised in particular on extremely steep shady slopes in little used backcountry terrain.

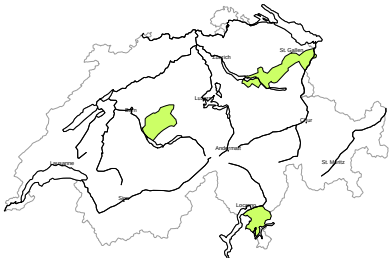
Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

The surface of the snowpack will cool hardly at all during the overcast night. In particular on very steep grassy slopes individual medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible. This applies in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 3000 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2600 m.

region I

Low (1)



Gliding snow

On very steep slopes individual gliding avalanches and moist snow slides are possible, but they will be mostly small. Even a small avalanche can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

Fresh snow is falling onto a damp or hard surface, except on northern slopes in the high Alpine regions. In the south, snowdrift accumulations are developing during the daytime with the northerly winds, and more wet loose snow avalanches are to be expected in these areas with sunshine.
In the south and west, the large amounts of fresh snow from the past week have largely stabilised. Only very occasional avalanches can still be triggered in the old snowpack, but these can become very large.
Although no human-triggered dry avalanches have been reported in the inneralpine regions of Grisons for some time, the snowpack still contains weak layers. When the snowpack initially becomes moist, these layers lose strength and fractures in the old snowpack become possible again. This currently mainly affects northern slopes between around 2400 and 2800 m.
The 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 2600 m.

Weather review for Wednesday

There were cloudy spells overnight in the south and in Valais, elsewhere skies were clear. In the morning there were sunny intervals, but from midday onwards conditions became increasingly cloudy with scattered showers.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, around +6 °C

Wind
Light, from the morning onwards sometimes moderate from southerly directions

Weather forecast to Thursday

Overnight to Thursday there will be widespread precipitation, but during the day only in the north and east. In Upper Valais and the south, conditions will be sunny with northerly winds from the morning onwards. The snowfall level will be between 1600 and 1800 m.

Fresh snow
From Wednesday afternoon to Thursday afternoon above 2200 m:
- central part of the Main Alpine Ridge and south of there, northern flank of the Alps from the eastern Bernese Oberland to the Alpstein area: 20 to 40 cm
- extreme west of Lower Valais, Grisons: 10 to 20 cm
- less elsewhere

Temperature
At midday at 2000 m in the north around 0 °C, in the south around +4 °C

Wind
- Light to moderate westerly in the north
- Moderate to strong northerly on the Main Alpine Ridge and south of there, sometimes strong foehn wind from the north in the southern valleys

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Outlook

Friday

There will be precipitation in the north and east, falling as snow above approximately 1600 m. Up to 15 cm of snow is expected to have fallen on the central and eastern parts of the northern flank of the Alps by Friday evening. After a mostly clear night with moderate to strong northerly winds, conditions will be sunny in the south and in Valais.

There will be hardly any change in the risk of dry avalanches. The risk of wet avalanches will increase in the south and in Valais with the daytime sunshine. In the north, wet and gliding avalanche activity will decrease somewhat with the cooler weather.

Saturday

After a mostly clear night, conditions will be sunny in the mountains. Winds will be mostly light. The zero-degree level will rise to around 2600 m.

The risk of dry avalanches will decrease. With the daytime sunshine the risk of wet avalanches will increase, significantly in the north.