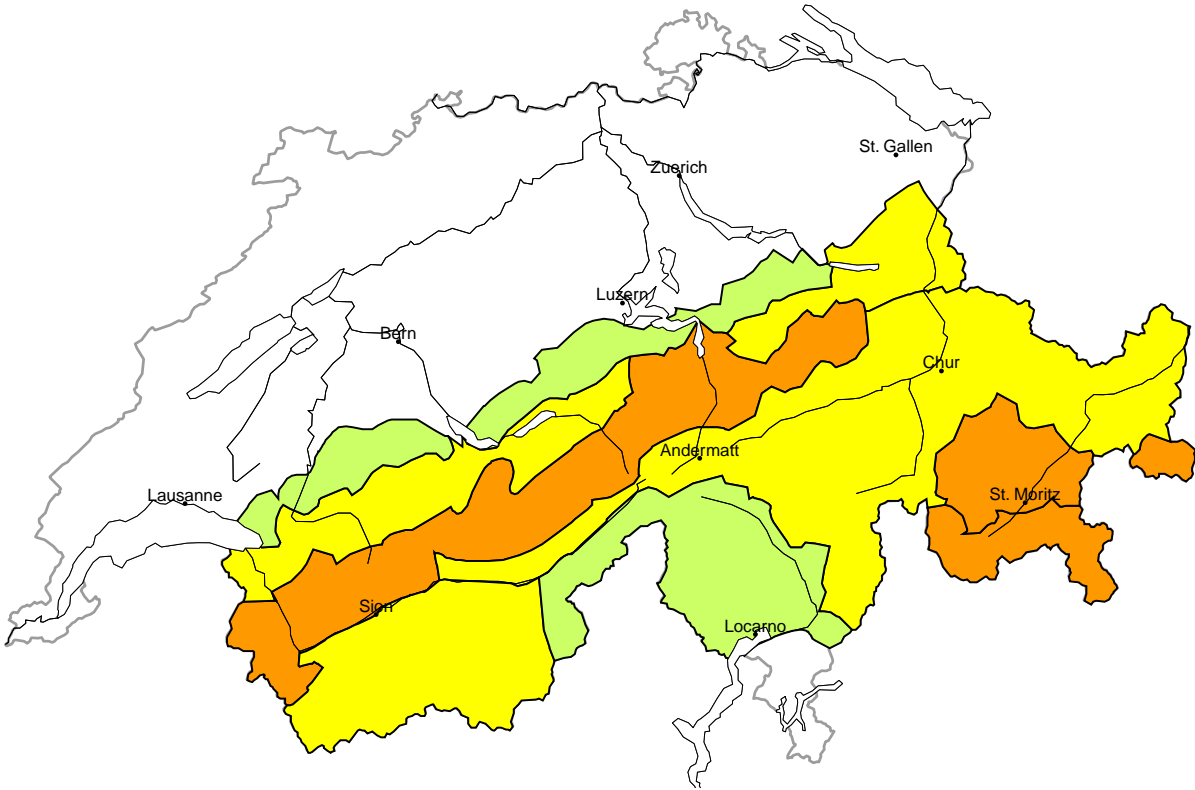


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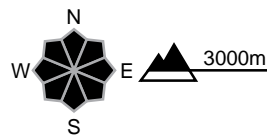
region A

Considerable (3=)



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

40 to 60 cm of snow will fall until Thursday above approximately 2800 m. As a consequence of a sometimes strong northerly wind, wind slabs will form. The new snow and wind slabs are prone to triggering. Single persons can release avalanches, including large ones.
Danger level 3 (considerable) will be reached in the course of the day probably. An increasing number of natural avalanches are possible in the afternoon. The current avalanche situation calls for extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

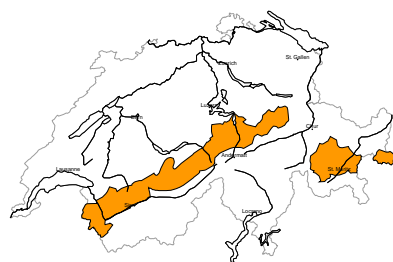
Moderate (2)

Wet snow

As a consequence of the new snow wet small and medium sized avalanches are to be expected. The avalanche prone locations for wet avalanches are to be found in all aspects below approximately 2800 m. 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.

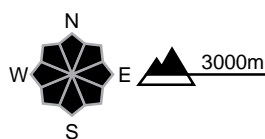
region B

Considerable (3-)



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

20 to 40 cm of snow will fall until Thursday above approximately 2600 m. As a consequence of a sometimes strong northerly wind, wind slabs will form. The new snow and wind slabs are prone to triggering. Single persons can release avalanches, including medium-sized ones. Danger level 3 (considerable) will be reached in the course of the day probably. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

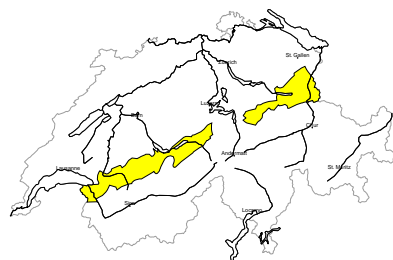
Moderate (2)

Wet snow

As a consequence of the new snow wet small and medium sized avalanches are to be expected. The avalanche prone locations for wet avalanches are to be found in all aspects below approximately 2800 m. 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.

region C

Moderate (2)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

20 to 40 cm of snow will fall until Thursday above approximately 2400 m. Danger level 2 (moderate) will be reached in the course of the day probably. The fresh wind slabs are in some cases prone to triggering. Dry avalanches can in some places be released by people and reach medium size. Meticulous route selection is recommended.

Moderate (2)

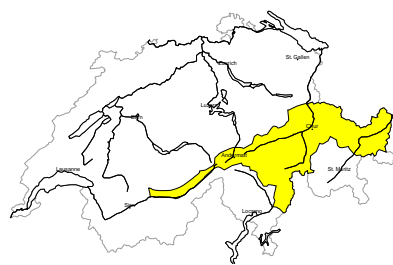
Wet snow

As a consequence of the new snow wet small and medium sized avalanches are to be expected. The avalanche prone locations for wet avalanches are to be found in all aspects below approximately 2400 m. 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.



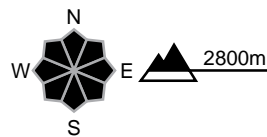
region D

Moderate (2)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

15 to 30 cm of snow will fall until Thursday above approximately 2600 m. As a consequence of northerly wind, wind slabs will form. They are in some cases prone to triggering. Dry avalanches can in some places be released by people and reach medium size. Meticulous route selection is recommended.

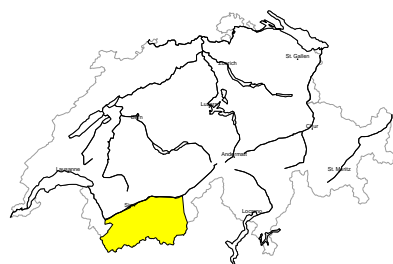
Moderate (2)

Wet snow

As a consequence of the new snow wet small and medium sized avalanches are to be expected. The avalanche prone locations for wet avalanches are to be found in all aspects below approximately 2800 m. 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.

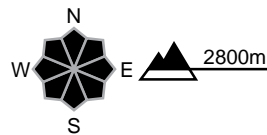
region E

Moderate (2)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

15 to 30 cm of snow will fall until Thursday above approximately 2600 m. As a consequence of northerly wind, wind slabs will form. They are in some cases prone to triggering. Dry avalanches can in some places be released by people and reach medium size. Meticulous route selection is recommended.

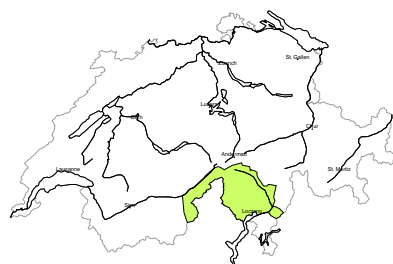
Low (1)

Wet snow

As a consequence of the new snow moist snow slides are possible. Even a small snow slide can sweep snow sport participants along and give rise to falls.

region F

Low (1)



Wind slab

Little snow will fall. As a consequence of a sometimes strong northerly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form. The avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular in high Alpine regions. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in terrain where there is a danger of falling.

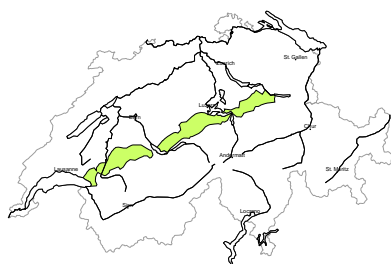
Low (1)

Wet snow

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region G

Low (1)



Wet snow
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Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The last fortnight's rather low temperatures have meant that conditions have remained wintry in the high Alpine regions. Particularly on steep north-facing slopes above around 3000 m and on all aspects above around 3500 m, the snowpack has largely remained dry with some weak layers also being present. There have been a number of avalanches triggered by human activity in the high Alpine regions, for instance on last Saturday, 17 May 2025. Below around 3000 m, however, the old snowpack was water-saturated and contained hardly any weak layers.

Fresh snow and wind on Thursday will result in snowdrift accumulations, especially in the high Alpine regions. This fresh and drifted snow will be prone to triggering. In some places, avalanches may also start in deep layers of the snowpack.

Outlook

Friday

Overnight to Friday, a further 10 to 20 cm of snow will fall on the northern Alpine ridge from the Bernese Oberland to Liechtenstein and in the Prättigau. Otherwise, a few centimetres of snow will fall in widespread areas. In the southern Upper Valais, Ticino and the southern valleys of Grisons it will be mainly dry. The snowfall level will be around 1600 m. There will be some further light snowfall in the northeast during the day. There will be bright spells in the west and conditions will be quite sunny in the south. A northwesterly wind, sometimes still moderate, will continue, especially during the night. There will be hardly any change in the risk of dry avalanches in the high Alpine regions. Where there is sunshine, some mainly small moist avalanches are to be expected in those regions with fresh snow.

Saturday

Overnight to Saturday, conditions will be mostly clear in the west and south, but still partly cloudy in the northeast. Conditions will be sunny at the start of the day and cumulus clouds will develop as the day progresses. With a zero-degree level at around 2300 m, temperatures will remain cool.

The risk of dry avalanches will slowly decrease in the high Alpine regions. Where there is sunshine, moist loose snow avalanches are to be expected from the fresh snow.