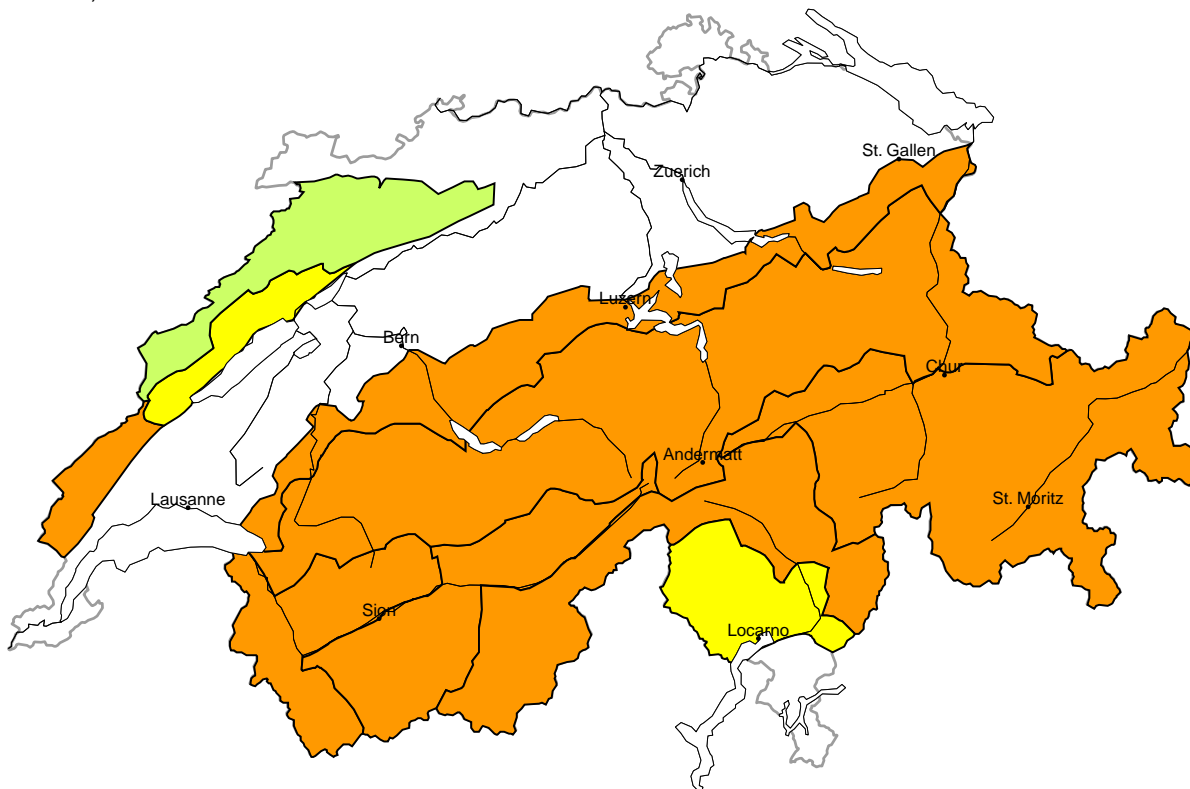


Considerable avalanche danger will be encountered over a wide area. Fresh wind slabs require caution

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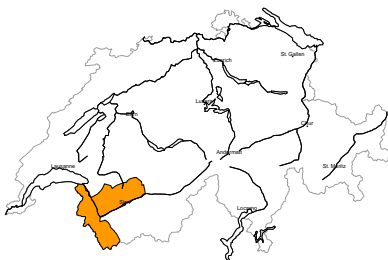
Avalanche danger

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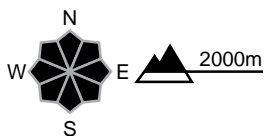
region A

Considerable, Level 3=



Snow drift

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and a moderate to strong southwesterly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form by the early morning. Avalanches can over a wide area be released, even by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. During the course of the night natural avalanches are possible. Experience in the assessment of avalanche danger is important.

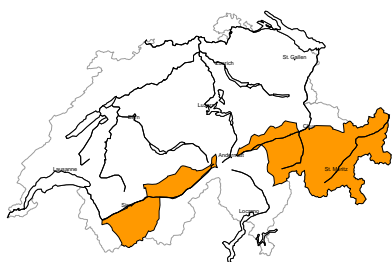
Gliding avalanches

Below approximately 2000 m more gliding avalanches are to be expected, in particular medium-sized ones. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.



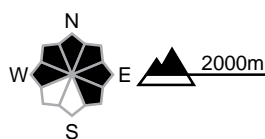
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Snow drift

Avalanche prone locations



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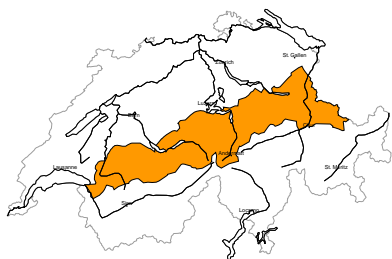
As a consequence of a moderate to strong southwesterly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form by the early morning. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant. Additionally in isolated cases avalanches can also be released in deep layers. These can reach large size. Such avalanche prone locations are barely recognisable. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Gliding avalanches

In all aspects more small and medium-sized gliding avalanches are to be expected below approximately 2000 m. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

region C

Considerable, Level 3-



Snow drift

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

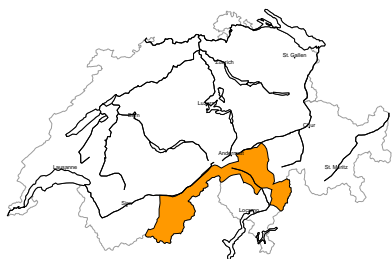
As a consequence of a strong southwesterly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form by the early morning over a wide area. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant and reach dangerously large size. Some natural avalanches are possible, this applies especially during the course of the night. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Gliding avalanches

In all aspects more small and medium-sized gliding avalanches are to be expected below approximately 2000 m. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

region D

Considerable, Level 3-



Snow drift, Old snow

Avalanche prone locations

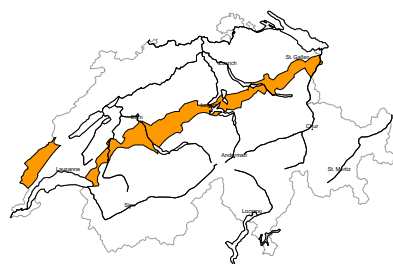


Danger description

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released easily in some places. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches. These can in some cases release deeper layers of the snowpack and reach dangerously large size. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

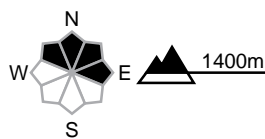
region E

Considerable, Level 3-



Snow drift

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

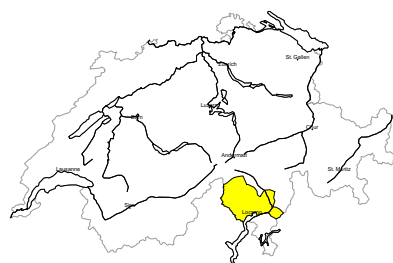
As a consequence of a sometimes strong southwesterly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form. Single snow sport participants can release avalanches easily. Avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain and adjacent to ridgelines. Avalanches can reach medium size. Experience in the assessment of avalanche danger is recommended.

Gliding avalanches

On very steep grassy slopes more gliding avalanches are to be expected, in particular medium-sized ones. This applies in all aspects. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

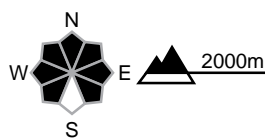
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Moderate, Level 2=



Snow drift, Old snow

Avalanche prone locations

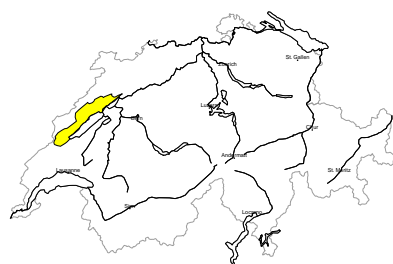


Danger description

As a consequence of northerly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs formed on Saturday in some cases. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches in some places. These can in some cases release deeper layers of the snowpack and reach medium size. Careful route selection is recommended.

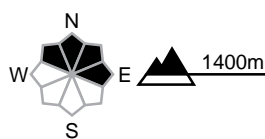
region G

Moderate, Level 2=



Snow drift

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

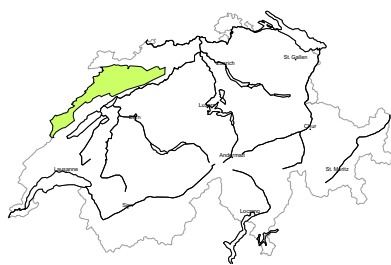
As a consequence of new snow and a gathering strong southwesterly wind, wind slabs will form. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in particular in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

Gliding avalanches

In all aspects small and medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible.

region H

Low, Level 1



Snow drift
The fresh wind slabs are small but in some cases prone to triggering. They are to be avoided in terrain where there is a danger of falling.
On very steep grassy slopes small and medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The moderate to strong southwesterly winds will transport the loose snow. Snowdrift accumulations that are prone to triggering are developing in many places.

All the freshly fallen snow and the snowdrift of the past week is settling and stabilising. Especially in the inneralpine regions of Valais and Grisons and on the southern flank of the Alps, weak layers deep in the old snowpack may still be released in some places. Below around 2000 m, layers of the snowpack that are near the ground are sometimes moist. This means that gliding avalanches are still to be expected.

In many areas, there is about twice as much snow as there normally is at the beginning of December. Only on the southern flank of the Alps are snow depths below average.

Observed weather review Monday, 04.12.2023

The night was initially clear before becoming increasingly cloudy. During the day, in the north, it was occasionally brighter with foehn winds, but otherwise mostly cloudy. In the west, precipitation set in at around midday, but otherwise it remained mostly dry. The snowfall level rose to around 1000 m.

Fresh snow

A few centimetres of snowfall were registered in the west.

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between -2 °C in the north and -7 °C in the south.

Wind

- During the night, winds were initially mostly weak to moderate; during the day, they were increasingly strong from the south to southwest
- They were weak to moderate on the southern flank of the Alps.

Weather forecast through Tuesday, 05.12.2023

Some precipitation will fall during the night in the west and south. During the day it will be mostly cloudy. Some snow will fall in the west and north at times. The snowfall level will drop from around 1000 m down to low altitudes. It will be partly sunny in the south and on the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais.

Fresh snow

Between Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon, above 1200 m, snowfall levels will be as follows:

- western and northern Lower Valais, western Jura: 15 to 30 cm;
- Fribourg and Vaud Alps: 5 to 15 cm;
- elsewhere, either lower levels of snowfall or dry.

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around -6 °C.

Wind

The wind will move from the southwest to the west.

- It will be moderate to strong in the mountains, and stormy at times in the Jura and in the high Alpine regions.
- It will be weak to moderate on the southern flank of the Alps

Outlook through Thursday, 07.12.2023**Wednesday**

It will be mostly cloudy in the north. Some snow will fall at times. It will be fairly sunny in the south and in southern Valais. The danger of dry avalanches will hardly change in the north and will decrease slightly in the south. Gliding avalanches could still occur at any time except on the southern flank of the Alps.

Thursday

On Thursday, it will be fairly sunny in the mountains. The zero-degree level will rise to around 2000 m in the west. The danger of dry avalanches will decrease in all regions. An increased number of gliding avalanches are to be expected.