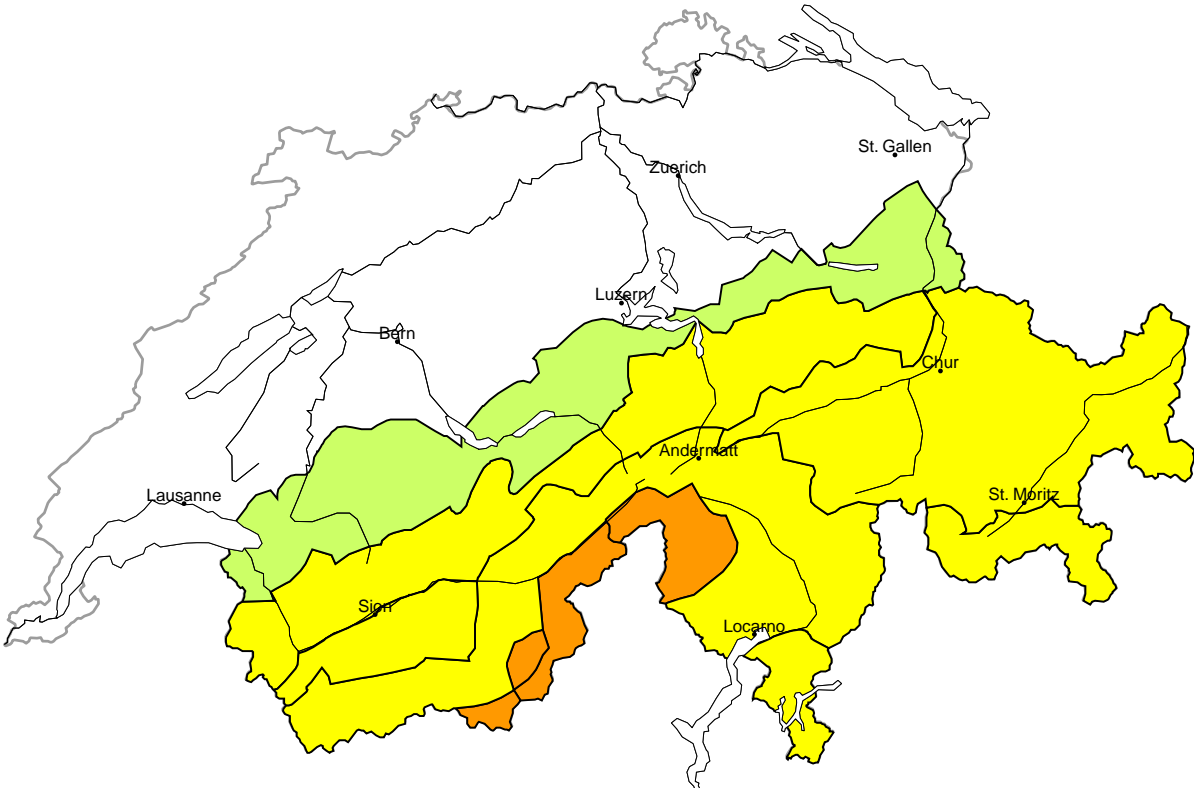
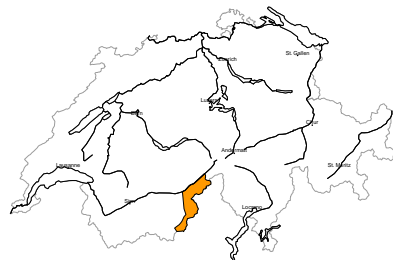


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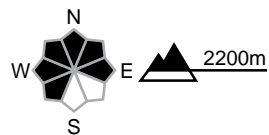
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Considerable (3=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

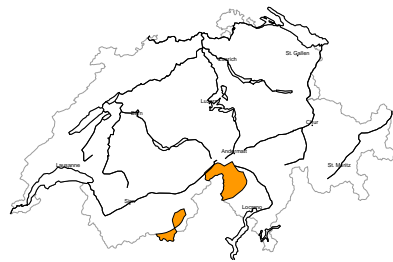


Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs will be deposited on a weakly bonded old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant. As the day progresses more frequent natural avalanches are to be expected. Avalanches can in some cases release deeper layers of the snowpack and reach large size in isolated cases. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and caution.

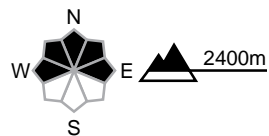
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Considerable (3-)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

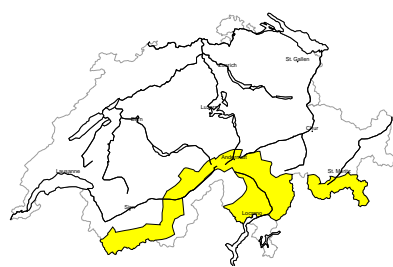


Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs will be deposited on a weakly bonded old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant. Mostly they are medium-sized. Individual natural avalanches are possible. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

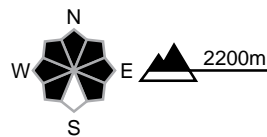
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Moderate (2=)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

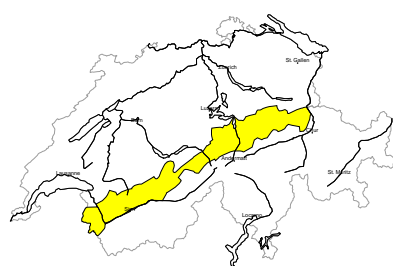


Danger description

Some fresh snow and the mostly small wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

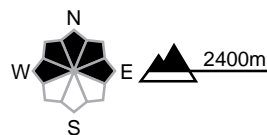
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Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations

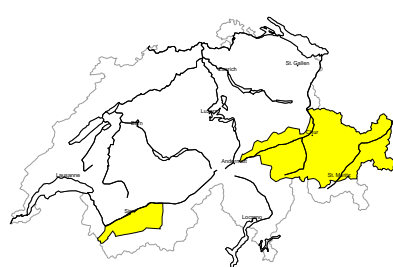


Danger description

As a consequence of a strong to storm force southerly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form during the night in some places. Avalanches can additionally in very isolated cases be released in deeper layers also. Avalanches can reach medium size in isolated cases. 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. The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information that has been collected in the field, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

region E

Moderate (2-)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

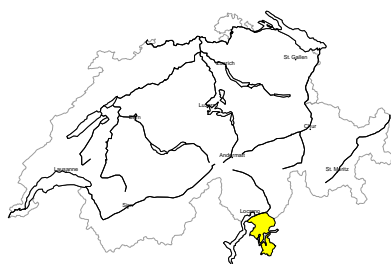


Danger description

In very isolated cases avalanches can be triggered in the weakly bonded old snow and reach medium size. In addition mostly small wind slabs will form adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls and in the high Alpine regions. Caution is to be exercised in particular in extremely steep terrain. 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. The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information that has been collected in the field, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

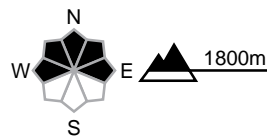
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Moderate (2-)



New snow

Avalanche prone locations

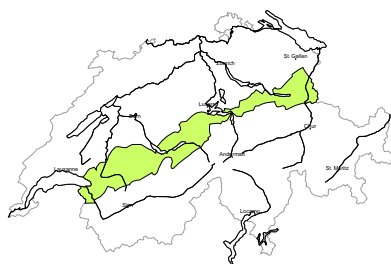


Danger description

New snow and wind slabs can in some places be released by people, especially on very steep slopes. In many cases avalanches are only small. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

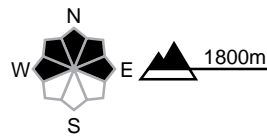
region G

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.



Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

There is appreciably less snow than usual at this time of year in most regions and snow conditions for ski touring are very poor in many places. Only in northern Lower Valais are snow depths approaching average. On southern slopes and in general below 2400 m, the snowpack has mostly frozen solid. On wind-protected northern slopes above approximately 2400 m, the surface of the snowpack is widely faceted.

On the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais and in western Ticino, the small volumes of fresh snow which have fallen in the last few days are lying on a thin but weak old snowpack of faceted crystals. With the expected arrival of fresh snow, the avalanche danger will increase rapidly in these regions. In the inneralpine regions of Valais, on the southern flank of the Alps and throughout Grisons, there are weak layers of faceted crystals or surface hoar in the snowpack on shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. Although these weak layers could be triggered in stability tests, it was very rare for avalanches to be triggered. Further north, the structure of the snowpack is more favourable.

Weather review for Wednesday

In the north, it was overcast with high stratus cloud up to around 2500 m with light snowfall down to low altitudes. Above that, it was sunny. In the south, it was still quite sunny in the morning, then increasingly cloudy, and snow began to fall in the afternoon.

Fresh snow

A few centimetres locally

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around -8 °C in the north, -3 °C in the south and -1 °C in the west

Wind

- Strong Bise wind in the Jura and the northern Prealps
- Otherwise mostly light easterly winds

Weather forecast to Thursday

In the south, it will be very cloudy, and snow will fall down to low altitudes. In the north, it will be sunny in the mountains.

Fresh snow

The following amounts of snow will fall above 1000 m by Thursday afternoon:

- Monte Rosa, upper Saas Valley, Simplon region, Binntal: 20 to 40 cm
- Rest of the Main Alpine Ridge directly along the border with Italy, Bedretto and Valle Maggia: 10 to 20 cm
- Northern neighbouring regions, Aletsch region, rest of Ticino, Moesano, Val Bregaglia and Bernina region: 5 to 10 cm

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between 0 °C in the north and -4 °C in the south

Wind

- Southeasterly winds, strong during the night, stormy in the high alpine regions
- Easing significantly during the day

Outlook to Saturday

On Friday morning, the snowfall will end in the south and it will then be widely sunny in the mountains. It will become increasingly mild.

The avalanche danger will decrease only slowly in areas with new fallen snow, otherwise it will remain largely unchanged.