Avalanche danger

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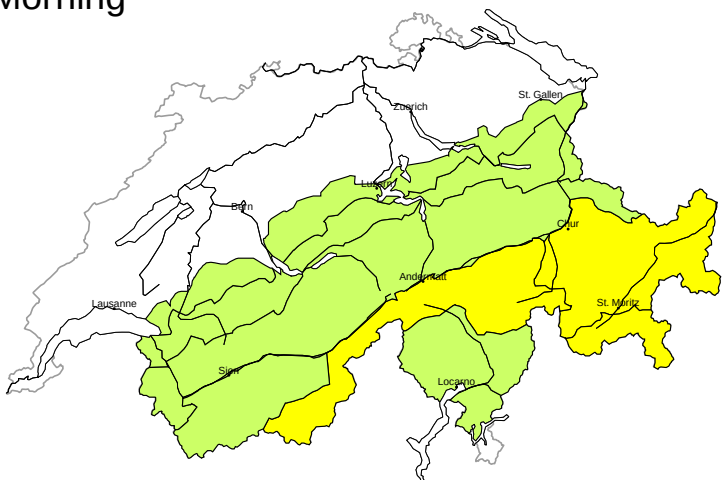
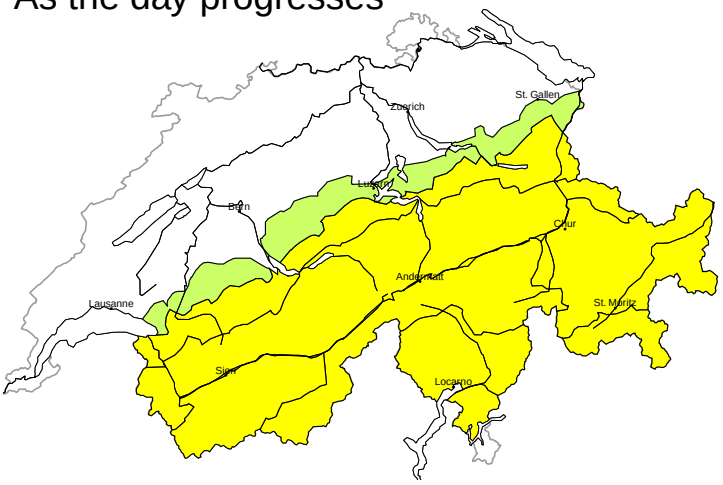
Morning

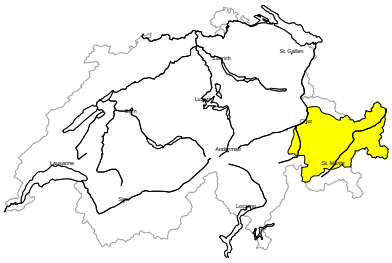


As the day progresses



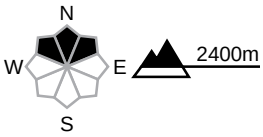
region A

Moderate (2=) Dry avalanches, whole day



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

In some places avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are rather rare but are difficult to recognise. Defensive route selection is recommended.

Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

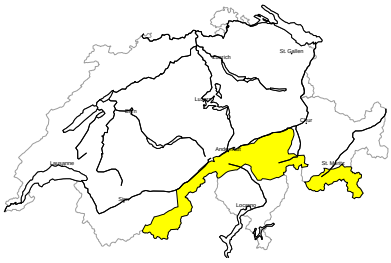
Wet snow, Gliding snow

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be reduced in some case. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet and gliding avalanches are possible, even large ones in isolated cases. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, as well as on steep north facing slopes below approximately 2400 m.
Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

Danger levels 1 low 2 moderate 3 considerable 4 high 5 very high

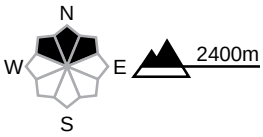
region B

Moderate (2-) Dry avalanches, whole day



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

In isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. These avalanche prone locations are rare and are difficult to recognise. Careful route selection is recommended.
In addition small wind slabs formed in high Alpine regions on Monday. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in terrain where there is a danger of falling.

Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

Wet snow, Gliding snow

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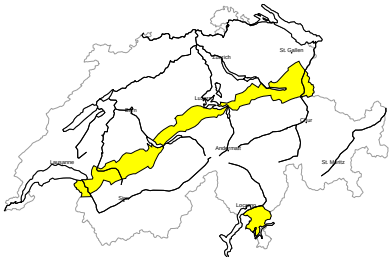
region C

Low (1) Dry avalanches, whole day



No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely 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.

Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be reduced in some case. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet and gliding avalanches are possible, in particular medium-sized ones.
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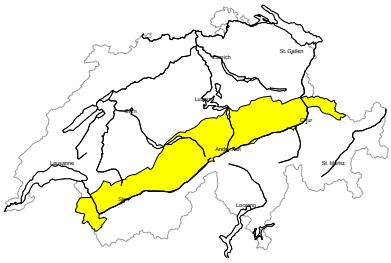
region D

Low (1) Dry avalanches, whole day



No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found on very steep shady slopes. In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are a little more prevalent. 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.

Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be reduced in some case. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet and gliding avalanches are possible, even large ones in isolated cases. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, as well as on steep north facing slopes below approximately 2400 m.
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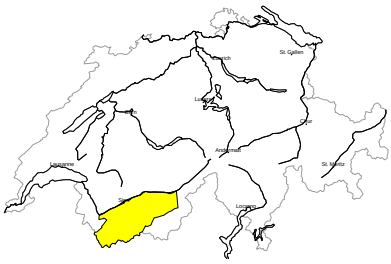

No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found on very steep shady slopes. In isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size, especially in little used backcountry 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.

Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

Wet snow, Gliding snow

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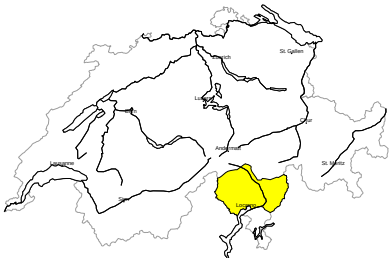

No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely 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.

Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

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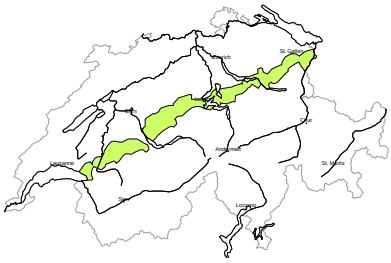
Avalanche bulletin through Wednesday, 9. April 2025

region G	Low (1)



Wet snow

The avalanche conditions in the morning are mostly favourable. In particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes individual small to medium-sized wet avalanches are possible as the day progresses. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

In the north, snowpack structure is quite favourable. Avalanches may only be triggered very occasionally and mainly in near-surface layers. In southern Valais, Ticino and Grisons, there are faceted layers deeper in the snowpack, and a few avalanches were triggered in the old snowpack last weekend, particularly from the Davos region via the Engadine to Val Müstair.
The snow is becoming increasingly moist even higher up and on shady slopes. On southern slopes, the snowpack is water-saturated up into the high Alpine regions, while on eastern and western slopes the majority is water-saturated up to around 2600 m. North-facing slopes are water-saturated to around 1800 m, with the surface moist up to around 2400 m. In areas with a weak snowpack structure, moist slab avalanches can in some places be triggered by human activity.
Only a thin melt-freeze crust will form during the night to Wednesday, and as daytime temperatures rise in the sunshine this will soften rapidly over the course of the day, with the risk of wet and gliding avalanches increasing right from the morning onwards.

Weather review for Tuesday

Conditions were mostly sunny, but cloudy in the morning in the south.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between +6 °C in the west and +1 °C in the east

Wind
Mostly light to moderate from northerly directions

Weather forecast to Wednesday

Skies will only be intermittently clear overnight, so reducing outgoing longwave radiation. During the day, conditions will be mostly sunny with some broken cloud. Cumulus clouds will form in the afternoon and isolated showers cannot be ruled out in the west.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between +3 °C in the west and +1 °C in the east

Wind
Light to moderate from northerly directions at high altitudes

Outlook

After a mostly clear night, Thursday and Friday will be sunny. Temperatures are set to rise: the zero-degree level will rise to 2800 m in the west on Thursday, remaining initially at 2200 m in the east. On Friday, it will rise to over 3000 m in the west and 2800 m in the east. Winds will mostly be light to moderate from northerly directions.
The risk of dry avalanches will not change significantly. The risk of wet and gliding avalanches will increase as temperatures rise with the sunshine over the course of the day. Off-piste skiing and hut ascents should be completed in good time.