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Avalanche danger

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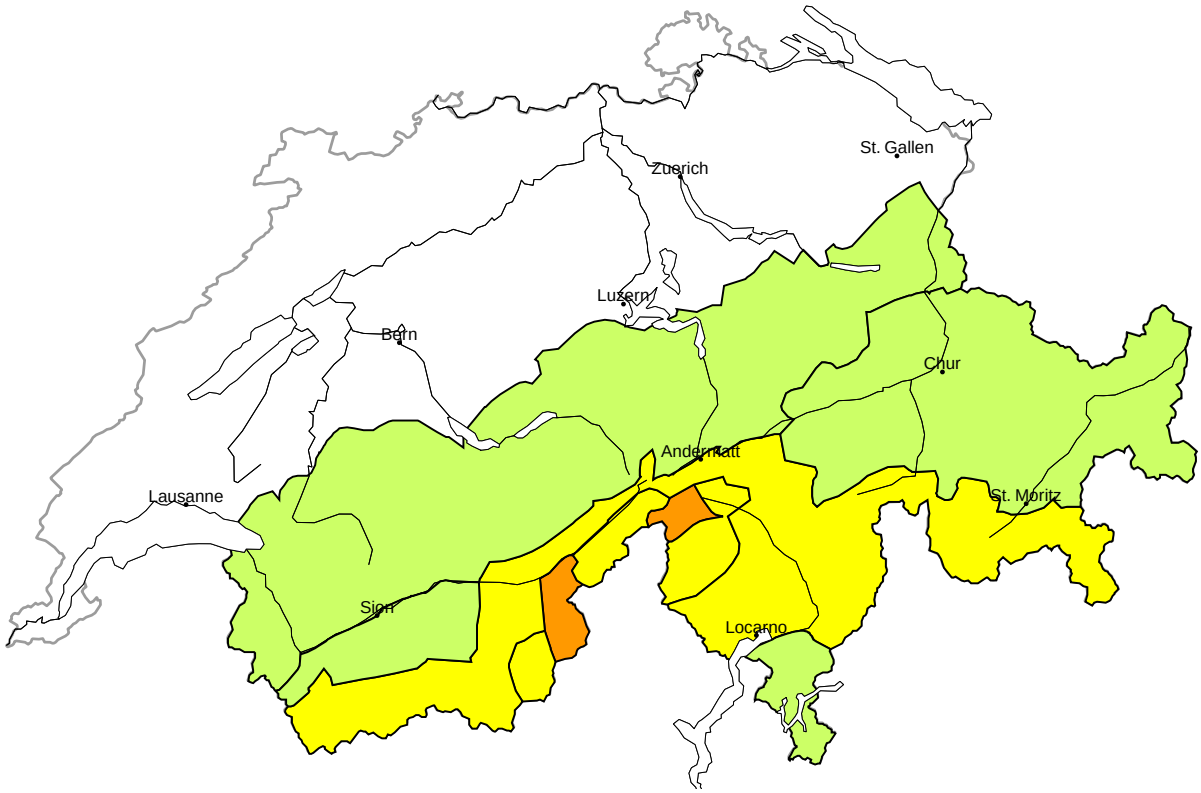
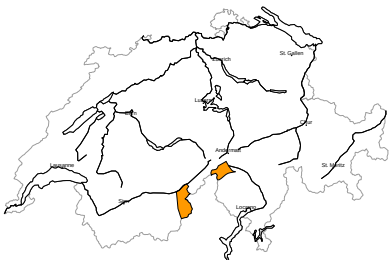


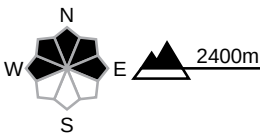
region A

Considerable (3-)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs of last week are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach large size. Whumpfing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. As a consequence of northeasterly wind, sometimes easily released wind slabs formed on Sunday. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger. Defensive route selection is recommended.

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

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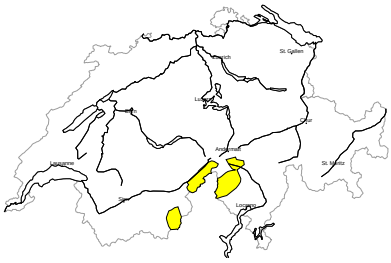
region B — Moderate (2+)



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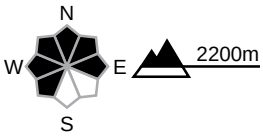
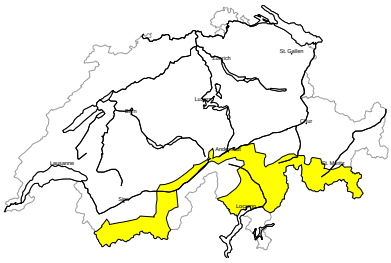


Danger description

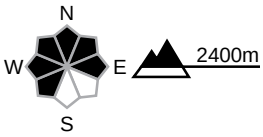
The new snow and wind slabs of last week are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Avalanches can in isolated cases be released by people and reach medium size. Whumpfing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. As a consequence of northeasterly wind, sometimes easily released wind slabs formed on Sunday. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

region C — Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

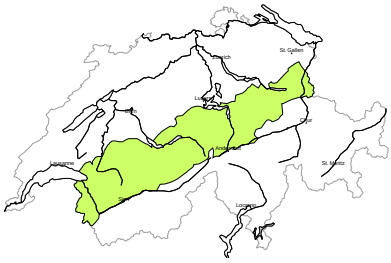
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

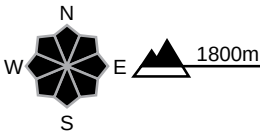
The mostly small wind slabs of the last few days are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Isolated whumpfing sounds and shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

region D — 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.
In addition very occasional medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible.

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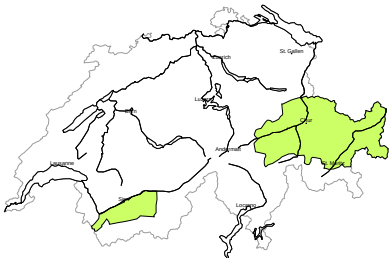
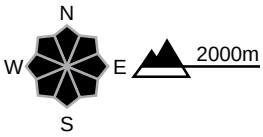
region E

Low (1)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

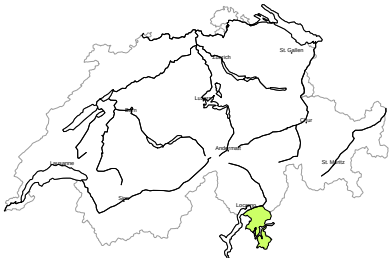


Danger description

In very isolated cases avalanches can be triggered in the weakly bonded old snow and reach medium size. In some localities small wind slabs formed. Caution is to be exercised 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.

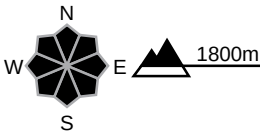
region F

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

From a snow sport perspective, in most cases insufficient snow is lying. Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Even a snow slide can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

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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, especially below 2000 m and generally in the east.
Snowpack structure is variable from region to region:

- On the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais and on the central southern flank of the Alps, last week's fresh and drifted snow has been deposited on a thin but weak old snowpack of faceted crystals. A few avalanches, some large, have been triggered by human activity over the last few days. Isolated avalanches may still be triggered in the old snowpack in these regions. Sunday's northeasterly winds have produced snowdrift accumulations, some prone to triggering, especially adjacent to ridgelines.
- In central Valais, northern Upper Valais and throughout Grisons, weak layers of faceted crystals or surface hoar are present in the snowpack on shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. Although some of these weak layers have proven triggerable in stability tests, very few avalanches have actually been triggered. Small avalanches are possible where the last few days' snowdrift accumulations are lying on the weak snowpack. On wind-protected shady slopes, the surface of the snowpack is faceted and loose.
- Snowpack structure is more favourable in the westernmost and northern parts of Lower Valais and on the northern flank of the Alps. Small snowdrift accumulations have formed locally. Below 2400 m, the snowpack has mostly frozen solid.

Weather review for Sunday

After a clear night, conditions were sunny and very mild in the mountains.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m around +6°C in the north and east and around +8°C in the south.

Wind
Moderate northeasterly to easterly, easing somewhat over the course of the day.

Weather forecast to Monday

After a clear night, conditions will be sunny and mild in the mountains.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, around +4°C

Wind
Light to moderate from westerly directions

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Outlook

Tuesday

Conditions will be sunny in the mountains. The upper limit for low stratus cloud will rise to between 1400 and 1700 m in the north. The zero-degree level will drop to around 1800 m in the west and south and towards 1000 m in the north and east. The northerly wind will freshen, becoming moderate to strong. Moderate Bise wind in the Prealps. Freshly drifted snow will somewhat increase avalanche risk, especially on the Main Alpine Ridge in Upper Valais and in Ticino.

Wednesday

Conditions will be sunny in the mountains. The Bise wind and foehn wind from the north will ease. There will be a moderate northerly wind at high altitudes. There will be hardly any change in avalanche risk.