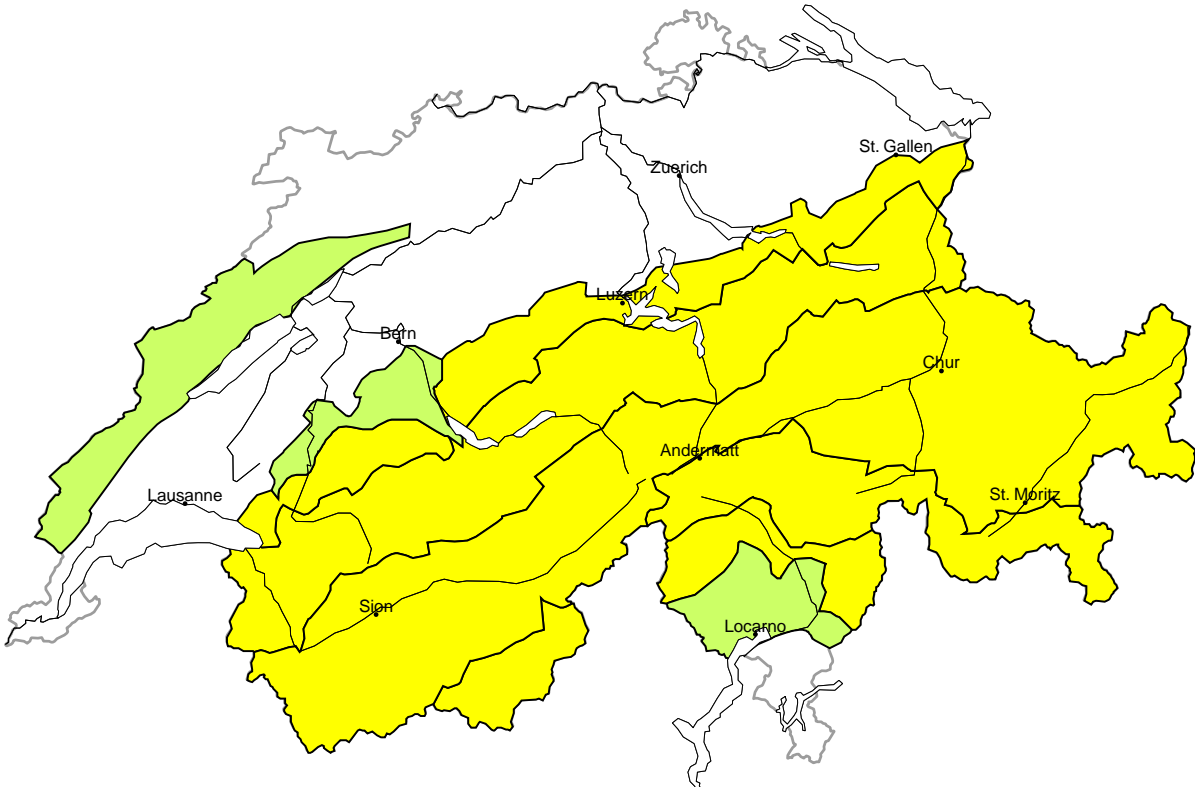
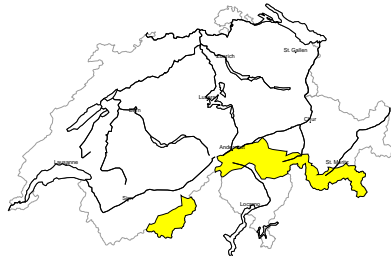


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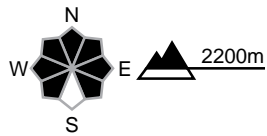
region A

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



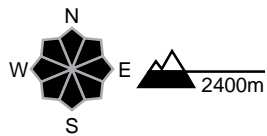
Danger description

The somewhat older wind slabs are in some cases still prone to triggering. Additionally in some places avalanches can also be triggered in the old snowpack and reach medium size. Careful route selection is recommended.

Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations

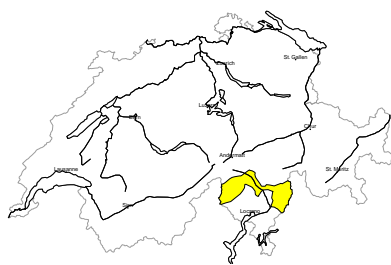


Danger description

On very steep grassy slopes more gliding avalanches are to be expected, even large ones. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided. The avalanche prone locations are to be found on south facing slopes below approximately 2400 m and on north facing slopes below approximately 2000 m.

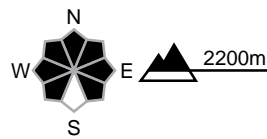
region B

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

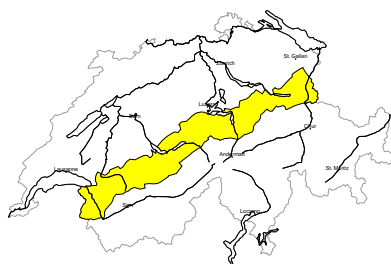


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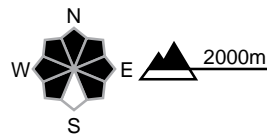
region C

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



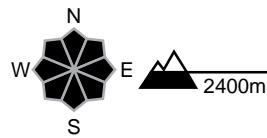
Danger description

The wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases prone to triggering. Avalanches can reach medium size. Careful route selection is recommended.

Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations

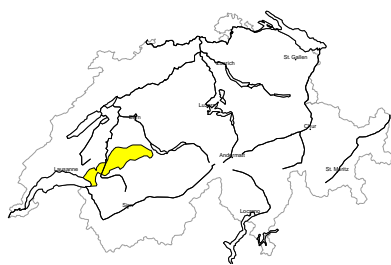


Danger description

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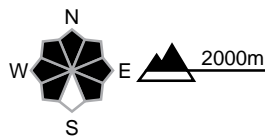
region D

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



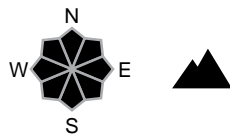
Danger description

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Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations

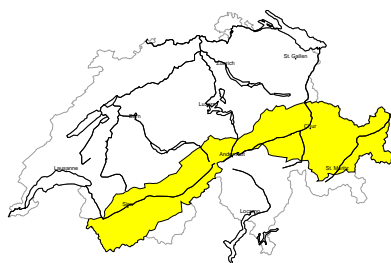


Danger description

On steep grassy slopes more gliding avalanches are to be expected, even medium-sized ones. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

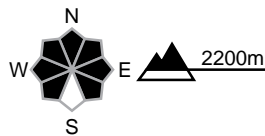
region E

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



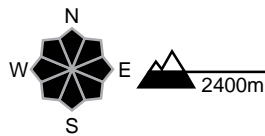
Danger description

The wind slabs of the last few days are in individual cases still prone to triggering. Additionally in very isolated cases avalanches can also be triggered in the old snowpack and reach medium size. Careful route selection is recommended.

Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations

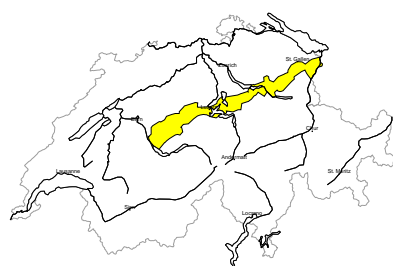


Danger description

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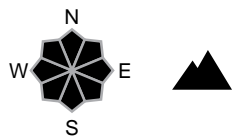
region F

Moderate (2)



Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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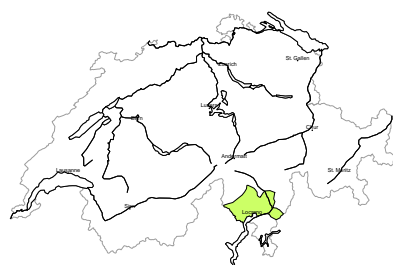
Low (1)

Wind slab

The mostly small wind slabs of the last few days can still be released in some cases. 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 G

Low (1)

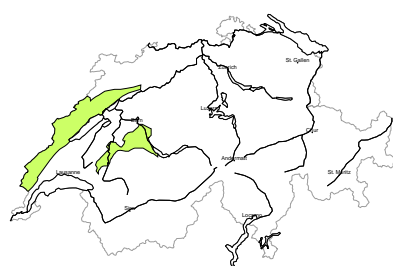


Wind slab

The mostly small wind slabs of the last few days can still be released in some cases. 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 H

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Only a little snow is lying. Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found 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

At high altitudes, there is about twice as much snow in many areas as there normally is in mid-December. The snowpack structure is generally favourable. In places, avalanches may still be released in the snowdrift of the past three days. Weak layers in the old snowpack are sometimes present around older rain crusts but are so deep in much of the snowpack that it is unlikely they would be released by people. Avalanches released by people in these weak layers have been reported in isolated cases on the central part of the Main Alpine Ridge. In southern Upper Valais, Ticino, Moesano, Val Bregaglia and Val Poschiavo, there are average snow depths at altitude. In these regions, older weak layers may be released by people in isolated cases. Gliding avalanches are still possible, especially below 2400 m. These may become particularly substantial on the northern flank of the Alps and in Lower Valais.

Weather review for Sunday, 17.12.2023

It was sunny in the mountains.

New fallen snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around +7 °C.

Wind

There continued to be moderate to strong winds from the northeast during the night, and light winds blew during the day

Weather forecast until Monday, 18.12.2023

It will be sunny.

New fallen snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, +8 °C, zero-degree level at over 3000 m.

Wind

Winds will be mostly weak.

Trend until Wednesday, 20.12.2023

On Tuesday, it will again be sunny and very mild again in the mountains. During Tuesday night, some precipitation will fall in the north with moderate to strong southwesterly winds. The snowfall level will drop to around 1200 m by the early morning. On Wednesday; it will be cloudy during the day. It will remain fairly sunny in the south. The danger of dry avalanches will increase slightly in the north by Wednesday. Elsewhere there will be hardly any change. As a result of the mild temperatures and solar radiation, more gliding avalanches are expected, especially on Tuesday.