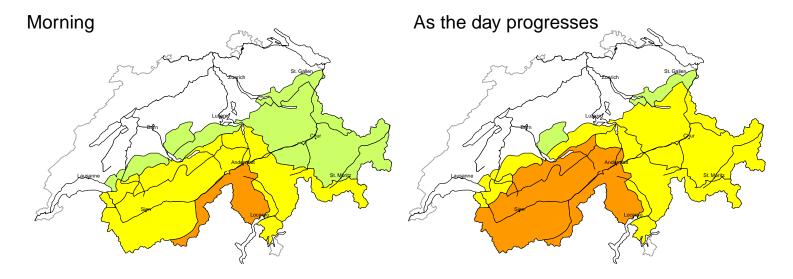
Avalanche danger

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region A

Considerable (3-) Dry avalanches, whole day



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs of the last two days are prone to triggering. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches. These can in isolated cases reach large size. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Considerable (3) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be reduced. The weather will be mild. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected, even large ones. Caution is to be exercised in particular on sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on shady slopes below approximately 2400 m. Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be started early and concluded timely.



Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

5 very high

region B

Moderate (2+) Dry avalanches, whole day

Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a strong southerly wind, wind slabs formed. These are in some cases prone to triggering. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

Considerable (3) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be reduced. The weather will be mild. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected, even large ones. Caution is to be exercised in particular on sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on shady slopes below approximately 2400 m. Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be started early and concluded timely.

region C

Moderate (2-) Dry avalanches, whole day



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a strong southerly wind, mostly small wind slabs formed. They are in some cases prone to triggering. Avalanches can in isolated cases reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Careful route selection is advisable.

Considerable (3) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be reduced. The weather will be mild. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected, even large ones. Caution is to be exercised in particular on sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on shady slopes below approximately 2400 m. Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be started early and concluded timely.



Danger levels

1 low

3 considerable

4 high

5 very high

region D

Moderate (2+) Dry avalanches, whole day

Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

Danger description

As a consequence of a strong southerly wind, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs formed. They are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Additionally in isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in little used backcountry terrain. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. careful route selection.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for

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

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be reduced. The weather will be mild. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet and gliding avalanches are possible, even large ones in isolated cases. Caution is to be exercised in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 2800 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2400 m. Backcountry tours should be concluded timely.

region E

Moderate (2-) Dry avalanches, whole day



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a strong southerly wind, mostly small wind slabs formed. They are in some cases prone to triggering. Avalanches can in isolated cases reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Careful route selection is advisable.

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

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be reduced. The weather will be mild. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet and gliding avalanches are possible, even large ones in isolated cases. Caution is to be exercised in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 2800 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2400 m. Backcountry tours should be concluded timely.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

5 very high

region F

Low (1) Dry avalanches, whole day



Wind slab

As a consequence of southerly wind, mostly small wind slabs formed at elevated altitudes. They 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.

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

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be reduced. The weather will be mild. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet and gliding avalanches are possible, even large ones in isolated cases. Caution is to be exercised in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 2800 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2400 m. Backcountry tours should be concluded timely.

region G

Low (1) Dry avalanches, whole day



Persistent weak layers

In isolated cases dry avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. Caution is to be exercised in particular on extremely steep shady slopes 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

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be reduced. The weather will be mild. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet and gliding avalanches are possible, even large ones in isolated cases. Caution is to be exercised in particular on west and east facing slopes below approximately 2800 m, as well as on north facing slopes below approximately 2400 m. Backcountry tours should be concluded timely.

region H

Moderate (2)



Wet snow, Gliding snow

Wet and gliding avalanches are possible, even medium-sized ones. Backcountry tours should be concluded timely.

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Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

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4 high

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region I

Low (1)



Wet snow

Wet snow slides and avalanches are possible, but they will be mostly small. Even a small avalanche can sweep people along and give rise to falls.



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Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The strong southerly winds and fresh snow on the Main Alpine Ridge and to the south of it are resulting in snowdrift accumulations that are prone to triggering. These are most prevalent in the regions that were exposed to the heaviest precipitation. In the other regions, they are mainly present on shady slopes at high altitudes where there was still loose, transportable old snowpack.

The snowpack is water-saturated on southern slopes up to the high alpine regions and on eastern and western slopes up to around 2800 m. On northern slopes, most of the old snowpack is water-saturated up to around 2400 m. Only a thin melt-freeze crust forms during the partly cloudy night. This softens as the day progresses and medium to large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected.

Weather review for Sunday

In the south, snow fell above approximately 2000 m. In the north, it was often cloudy with passing showers, especially in the west.

Fresh snow

From Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, the following amounts of snow fell above approximately 2200 m:

- Main Alpine Ridge in Upper Valais from Mattmark to southern Goms, Val Bedretto, Valle Maggia: 20 to 40 cm
- Immediately to the north thereof, remaining central part of the southern flank of the Alps: 10 to 20 cm
- Rest of the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais, Averstal, Val Bregaglia, Bernina region: 5 to 10 cm

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +4 °C in the east and +2 °C in the west and south

Wind

Stormy at times during the night, moderate to strong during the day from southerly directions

Weather forecast to Monday

During the night into Monday, a few centimetres of snow will fall on the Main Alpine Ridge and to the south of it above approximately 1900 m. Elsewhere there will be cloudy intervals. During the day it will be quite sunny. There will be cumulus clouds as the day progresses, especially in the Prealps.

Fresh snow

A few centimetres on the Main Alpine Ridge and to the south of it

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m in Valais and Grisons +4 °C, otherwise +2 °C

Wind

There will be a light to moderate southwesterly wind.



Outlook

The nights are only partly clear. On Tuesday, it will be quite sunny in the mountains with cumulus clouds and isolated showers as the day progresses. It will be often cloudy along the Prealps. On Wednesday, there will be frequent cloudy periods with snow showers as the day progresses.

There will be mostly light southerly winds on both days. The zero-degree level will be around 2500 m.

The danger of dry avalanches will decrease. Wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected, especially as the day progresses.

