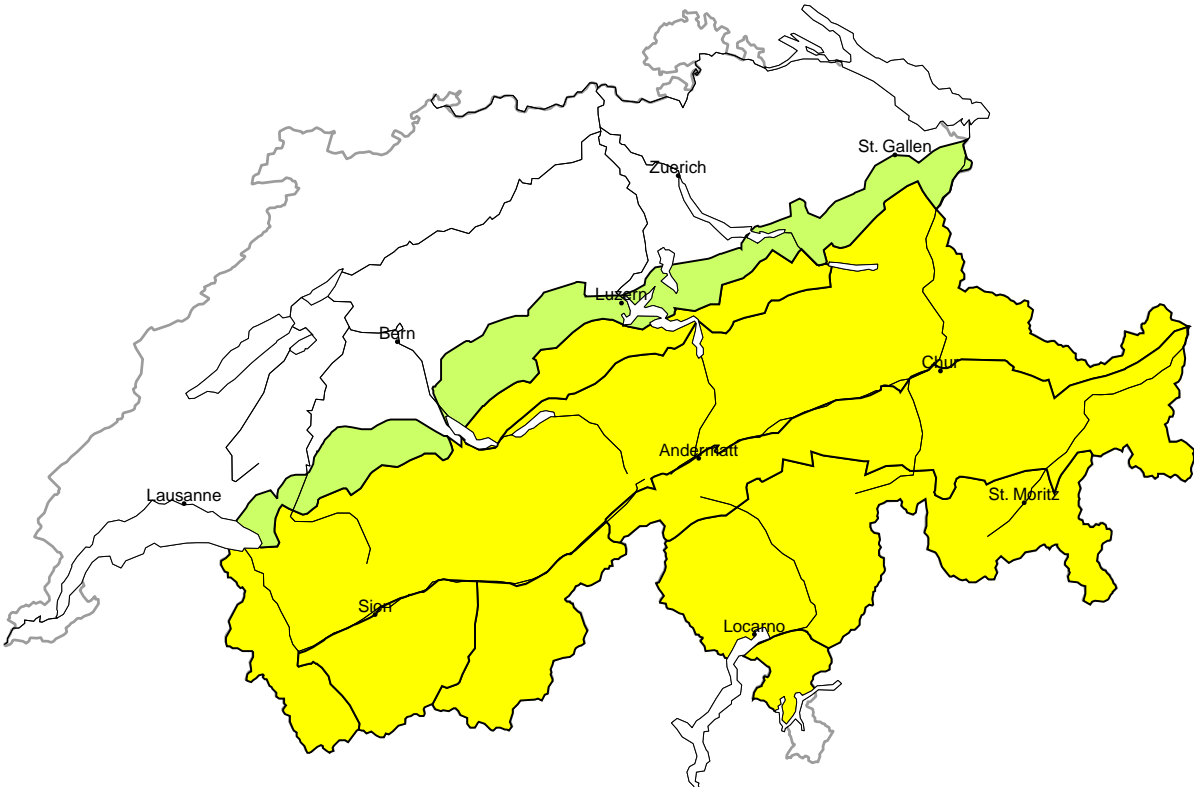
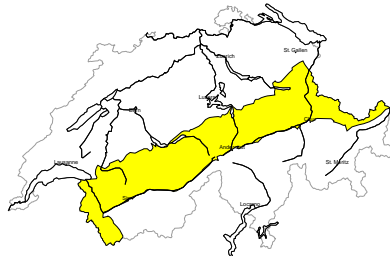


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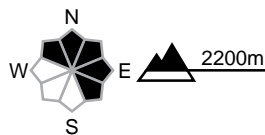
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Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



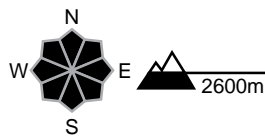
Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and a strong westerly wind, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs will form. They are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Persons can release avalanches in some places. Avalanches are rather small.  
The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in very 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.

Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations

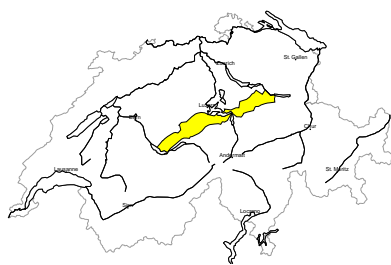


Danger description

In particular on very steep grassy slopes more gliding avalanches are possible. These can in some cases reach large size. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

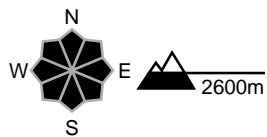
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Moderate (2)



Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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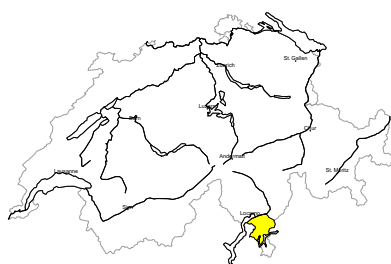
Low (1)

Wind slab

As a consequence of new snow and a strong westerly wind, small wind slabs will form at elevated altitudes. The prevalence of the avalanche prone locations will increase as the day progresses. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence 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.

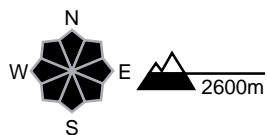
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Moderate (2)



Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



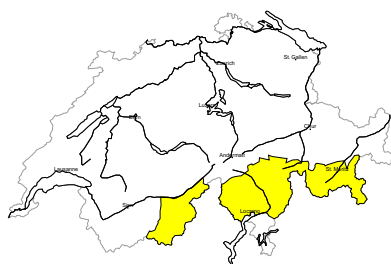
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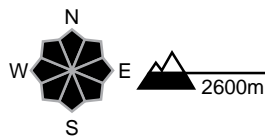
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Moderate (2)



Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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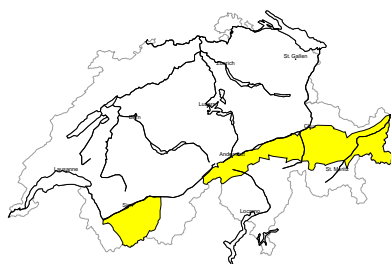
Low (1)

No distinct avalanche problem

Dry avalanches can in isolated cases be released in near-surface layers of the snowpack. This applies especially in extremely steep terrain. In addition small wind slabs will form in high Alpine regions. Mostly avalanches are small. 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.

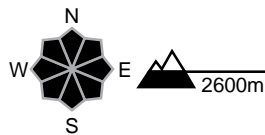
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Moderate (2)



Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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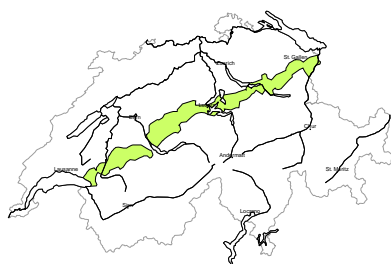
Low (1)

Wind slab

As a consequence of a strong westerly wind, small wind slabs will form in some localities. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence 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)



Wind slab

As a consequence of new snow and a strong westerly wind, small wind slabs will form at elevated altitudes. The prevalence of the avalanche prone locations will increase as the day progresses. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence 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.



**Avalanche bulletin through Tuesday, 16. April 2024****Snowpack and weather**

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**Snowpack**

At the beginning of the week, there was still dry snow on the surface of the snowpack only on steep north-facing slopes in the high Alpine regions. With strong westerly winds, small wind slabs formed locally in the high Alpine regions on Monday. With new fallen snow and strong westerly to northwesterly winds, further and somewhat more extensive wind slabs will develop on Tuesday, some of which will be prone to triggering.

The old snowpack is soaked up to over 3000 m on east-, south- and west-facing slopes, and up to around 2500 m on north-facing slopes. As temperatures fall, wet avalanche activity will decrease appreciably. Gliding avalanche activity will also decrease. However, occasional gliding avalanches are still possible, some of which may be large.

**Weather review for Monday, 15.04.2024**

Sunday night into Monday was mostly cloudy, with light showers setting in in the west and north during the second half of the night. During the day, it was cloudy with showers and bright spells in the north. The snowfall level was around 2500 m. It was partly sunny in Lower Valais, Lower Engadine and southern Ticino.

**New snow**

Lower Valais, Northern Alpine Ridge: 5 cm in the high Alpine regions, locally up to 10 cm.

**Temperature**

At midday at 2000 m, between +5 °C in the north and +7 °C in the south.

**Wind**

There were moderate to strong westerly winds in the north and generally at high altitudes.

**Weather forecast until Tuesday, 16.04.2024**

In the north, it will be very cloudy with widespread precipitation. It will cool down significantly, with the snowfall level dropping to around 1000 m in the north and around 1400 m in the south. South of the Main Alpine Ridge, it will remain dry and mostly sunny with strong northerly winds.

**New snow**

From Monday evening to Tuesday afternoon, the following amounts of fresh snow are expected above approximately 1800 m:

- extreme west of Lower Valais and northern Lower Valais, northern flank of the Alps: 10 to 20 cm, locally 25 cm on the border with France;
- other regions of Lower Valais, northern Upper Valais, Gotthard region, northern Grisons, Silvretta, Samnaun: 5 to 10 cm;
- less elsewhere, dry in the south.

**Temperature**

Temperatures will fall, reaching between -5 °C in the north and -2 °C in the south at midday at 2000 m.

**Wind**

- Winds will be strong at high altitudes, and sometimes storm force during Monday night into Tuesday, blowing from the west to northwest.
- There will be a moderate to strong northerly wind in the south.

**Trend until Thursday, 18.04.2024**

It will remain cold and, except in the far south, there will be widespread precipitation on Wednesday and Thursday. The snowfall level will be between 600 and 1000 m. The focus of the precipitation will be in the areas of orographic lift on the northern flank of the Alps. From Tuesday evening to Thursday evening, 40 to 60 cm of snow is possible here above approximately 1500 m. Otherwise, 30 to 40 cm of snow will fall widely in the north and 15 to 30 cm in the inneralpine regions. South of the Main Alpine Ridge, it will be quite sunny with patches of cloud on both days. The wind will be moderate, strong at times, from the north.

The danger of dry avalanches will increase further from Wednesday on a widespread basis, significantly so in the north. In central and southern Ticino, the avalanche danger will hardly change.

Large gliding avalanches will still be possible, although the associated activity will ease considerably.