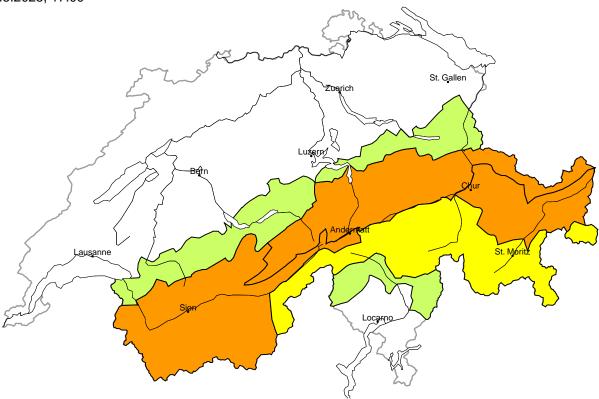
Avalanche bulletin through Friday, 30. May 2025

Avalanche danger

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region A

Considerable (3-)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

W E 3200m

Danger description

15 to 30 cm of snow fell on Thursday above approximately 2800 m. As a consequence of a strong northwesterly wind, wind slabs formed. The new snow and wind slabs are in some cases prone to triggering. Single persons can release avalanches, including medium-sized ones. Additionally in some places avalanches can also be released in the old snowpack. The current avalanche situation calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information that has been collected in the field, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet avalanches are to be expected. These can in some cases release deeper layers of the snowpack. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized.

Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be started early and concluded timely.

Danger levels



2 moderate



3 considerable



5 very high

region B

Considerable (3-)



New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

Danger description

20 to 40 cm of snow fell on Thursday above approximately 2800 m. As a consequence of a strong northwesterly wind, wind slabs formed. The new snow and wind slabs are in some cases prone to triggering. Additionally in some places avalanches can also be released in the old snowpack. Avalanches can in isolated cases reach large size.

The current avalanche situation calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

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Moderate (2)

Wet snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet avalanches are to be expected. These can in some cases release deeper layers of the snowpack. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized.

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region C

Considerable (3-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

15 to 30 cm of snow fell on Thursday above approximately 2800 m. As a consequence of a strong northwesterly wind, wind slabs formed. The new snow and wind slabs are in some cases prone to triggering. Single persons can release avalanches, including medium-sized ones.

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Moderate (2)

Wet snow

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Danger levels



2 moderate



3 considerable



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region D

Moderate (2)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

10 to 15 cm of snow fell on Thursday above approximately 2800 m. As a consequence of northwesterly wind, wind slabs formed. They are in some cases prone to triggering. Dry avalanches can in some places be released by people and reach medium size.

Meticulous route selection is recommended. The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information that has been collected in the field, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet avalanches are to be expected. These can in some cases release deeper layers of the snowpack. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized.

Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be started early and concluded timely.

region E

Low (1)



Wet snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation natural wet 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

Thursday's fresh snowfall and strong northerly winds have resulted in snowdrift accumulations that are prone to triggering in the high Alpine regions. The largest of these are situated along the northern Alpine ridge from the Bernese Oberland to the Glarus Alps and in northern Grisons.

Conditions in the high Alpine regions were already wintry before. At altitudes of below 3000 m, the fresh snow that has fallen in the last few weeks is lying on water-saturated, settled old snowpack. On north-facing slopes above around 3000 m and on other exposures above around 3500 m, the fresh snow that fell over the last week is lying on snowpack that is often still dry. Last week, ski tourers triggered several large avalanches in the high Alpine regions. This indicates that distinct weak layers were present in places in the dry old snowpack and these are likely to remain prone to triggering. As temperatures rise in the sunshine, the snowpack will become increasingly moist even in the high Alpine regions. As the most recent snow layers start to moisten for the first time in the high Alpine regions, there will be an increased likelihood of avalanches being triggered over the course of the day. Naturally triggered wet avalanches, some of which may carry carry along the entire snowpack with them, are also to be expected as the day progresses.

Outlook

Saturday and Sunday

The night to Saturday will be mostly clear. The night to Sunday will be partly cloudy and there may be some precipitation in the north. Conditions will be mostly sunny during the day on Saturday and partly sunny on Sunday. Cumulus clouds will form over the mountains and there is a possibility of isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. The zero-degree level will be around 3800 m. Winds will be light.

The risk of dry avalanches will slowly decrease in the high Alpine regions. The risk of natural wet avalanches will increase over the course of each day. Ski touring should be started early and finished in good time.

