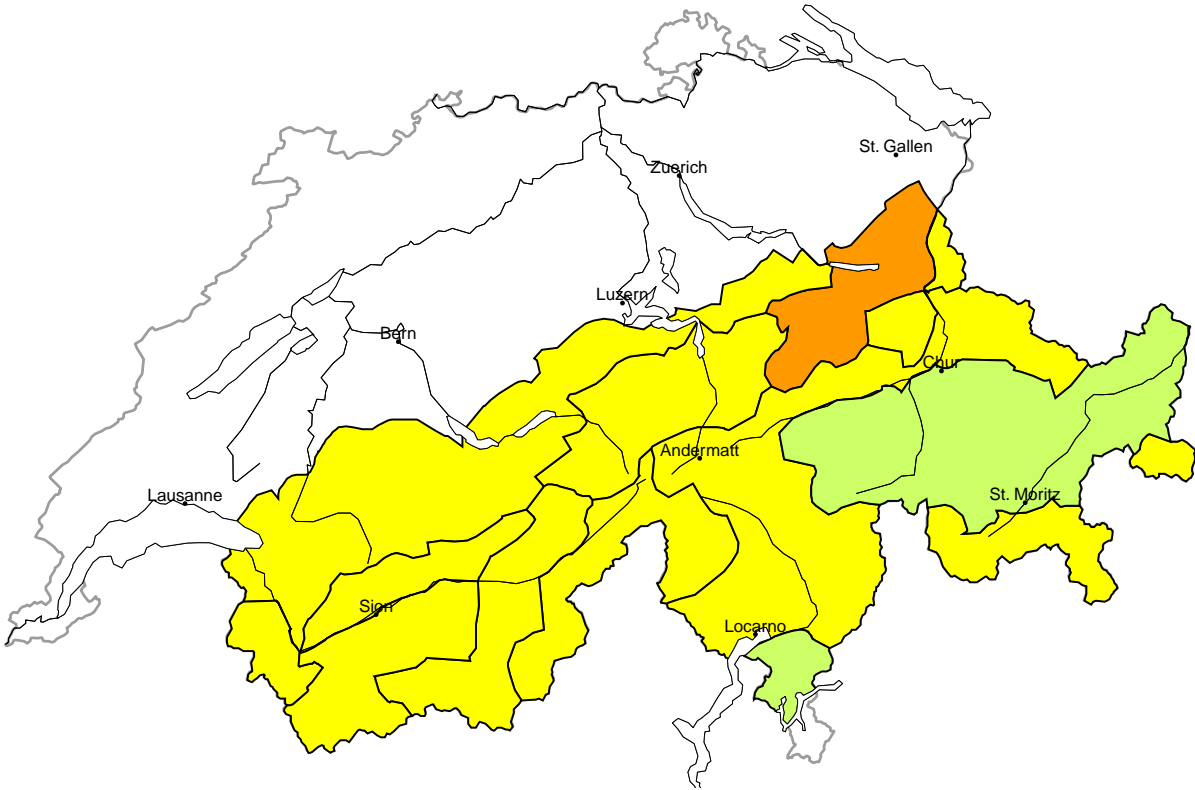


Avalanche danger

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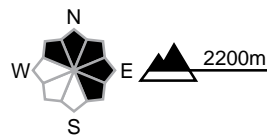
region A

Considerable (3-)



New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

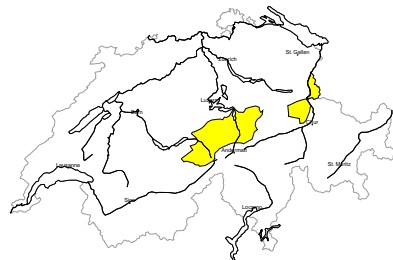


Danger description

The fresh snow of the last few days and the wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on wind-protected shady slopes. Winter sport participants can release avalanches easily. These can reach medium size. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

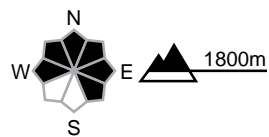
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Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



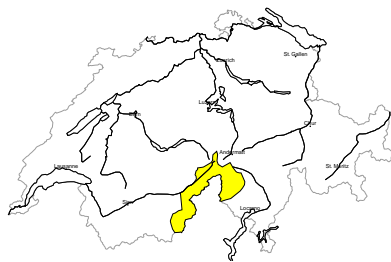
Danger description

The wind slabs of the last few days are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack on shady slopes at elevated altitudes. They can in some cases be released easily. Avalanches can in some cases reach medium size. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection. The wind slabs in steep terrain are to be bypassed.



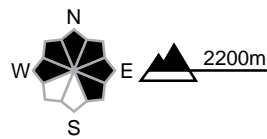
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Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

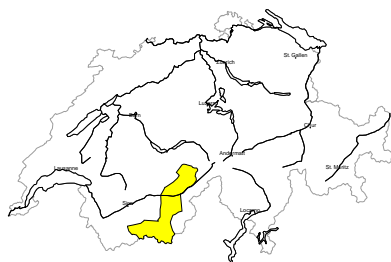


Danger description

The wind slabs of the last few days are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. They can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases. Avalanches can release deeper layers of the snowpack and reach medium size. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection. The wind slabs in steep terrain are to be bypassed.

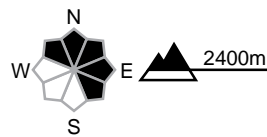
region D

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

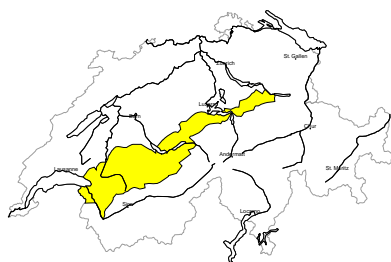


Danger description

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack in particular on wind-protected shady slopes. They can in some cases be released easily. The wind slabs are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain. Avalanches can additionally in very isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow also. Avalanches can in some cases reach medium size. Careful route selection is required.

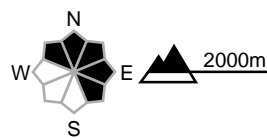
region E

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations

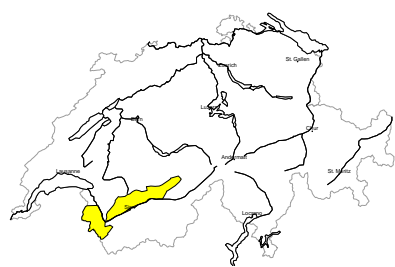


Danger description

The strong wind has transported the new snow and, in some cases, old snow as well. The wind slabs of the last few days are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack on shady slopes at elevated altitudes. They can in some cases be released easily. Avalanches can in isolated cases reach medium size. The wind slabs are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. They are to be avoided in very steep terrain.

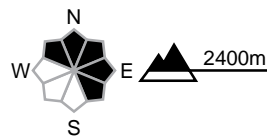
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Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations

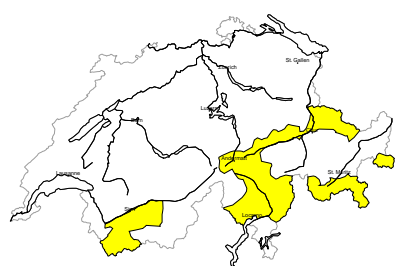


Danger description

As a consequence of a sometimes strong wind, clearly visible wind slabs formed in the last few days at elevated altitudes. These are rather small but in some cases prone to triggering. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain.

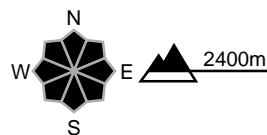
region G

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

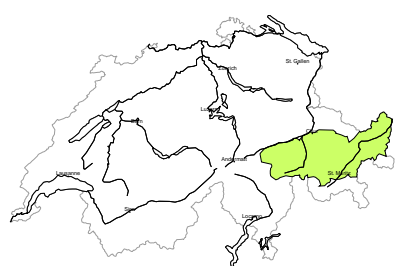


Danger description

The prevalence of the avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude. Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack in particular on wind-protected shady slopes. They are mostly small but can in some cases be released easily. The wind slabs are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain. Avalanches can additionally in very isolated cases be released in deep layers also. Avalanches can in some cases reach medium size. Careful route selection is recommended.

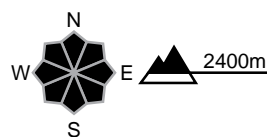
region H

Low (1)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

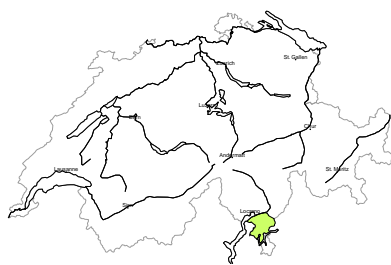


Danger description

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can in some cases be released easily. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in extreme terrain. 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. In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are more widespread and the danger is slightly greater.

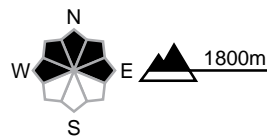
region I

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

On the northern flank of the Alps, the new and drifted snow of the last few days cover cover, at higher elevations on shaded, wind-sheltered slopes, an often faceted and therefore weak old snow surface. Elsewhere, the snow surface was often shaped by the wind and frequently frozen solid below 2400 m.

In western and northern Lower Valais, the snowpack structure is relatively favourable and the danger comes mainly from fresh drifted snow.

In other regions, the snowpack is thin and weak, and mostly consists of faceted crystals with embedded crusts. Snowdrift accumulations deposited on top of this snowpack are in some cases easily triggerable. In addition, individual avalanches may still be triggered in the near-ground old snowpack, especially on the Main Alpine Ridge in Upper Valais and on the central part of the southern flank of the Alps.

Weather review for Sunday

A few snowflakes fell locally during the night. During the day conditions were sunny but cold.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around -9°C

Wind

- Moderate, locally strong westerly; northerly in the south
- Subsiding over the course of the day

Weather forecast to Monday

In the mountains conditions will be mostly sunny but cold.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around -11°C

Wind

Light

Outlook to Wednesday

Conditions will remain sunny and cold. The northerly wind will be light at first, then moderate to strong on Wednesday at higher altitudes and in the south.

The unfavourable snowpack structure means that avalanche danger will decrease only very slowly.