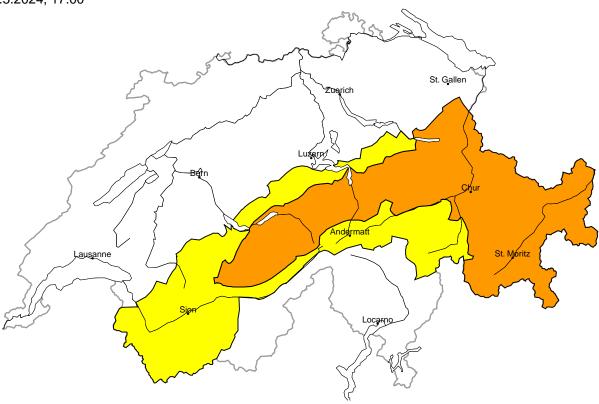
Avalanche bulletin through Friday, 31. May 2024

Avalanche danger

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region A

New snow

Considerable (3)



Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Over a wide area 10 cm of snow, and up to 20 cm in some localities, fell on Thursday above approximately 3000 m.

30 to 50 cm of snow, and up to 60 cm in some localities, will fall on Friday above approximately 2500 m. The fresh snow and the wind slabs that are being formed by the moderate to strong northerly wind are prone to triggering. Single persons can release avalanches, including large ones. In addition as the day progresses individual natural avalanches are possible. 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.

Considerable (3)

Wet snow

Medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected below approximately 2500 m. In the event of rain this applies in particular.

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region B

Moderate (2)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Over a wide area 10 cm of snow fell on Thursday above approximately 3000 m.

10 to 30 cm of snow will fall on Friday above approximately 2500 m. The fresh snow and in particular the wind slabs that are being formed by the moderate to strong northerly wind are prone to triggering. Single persons can release avalanches in some places, including medium-sized ones. The current avalanche situation calls for careful route selection.

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

Medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are possible below approximately 2500 m. In the event of rain this applies in particular.

region C

Moderate (2)



Wet snow

Medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are possible below approximately 2500 m. In the event of rain this applies in particular.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

There has been repeated precipitation since Monday, falling as snow mainly in the high Alpine regions of the Bernese and Valais Alps. Initially on Thursday evening there will be thundery precipitation, followed by widespread and persistent precipitation in the north and east on Friday, with the snowfall level dropping. Dry avalanches may occur mainly in the new and drift snow. Below approximately 3000 m, the old snowpack is soaked for all aspects. Wet avalanches are to be expected in the event of heavy rain.

There is more snow at high altitudes than is normally the case at the end of May. On the flat monitoring sites at 2000 m there is widely approximately 130% and at 2500 m as much as 160% of the long-term average. At 2500 m, the last time that there was more snow than now at this time of year was at the end of May 2019.

Trend until Sunday, 02.06.2024

At the weekend, it will be cloudy to very cloudy in the north with intermittent precipitation. The snowfall level will rise to 2200-2400 m on Saturday and to 2400-2600 m on Sunday. It will be sunny at times on Saturday in Valais, and on both days in the south, with cumulus clouds and localised showers as the day progresses. The wind will ease and be light to moderate, blowing from the north.

The danger of dry avalanches will decrease. Moist snow slides and avalanches arising as a result of the new snow are to be expected as the day progresses in the event of rain or incoming radiation.

There will be wintry conditions in the high Alpine regions. Hikers should also pay attention to the avalanche danger, because wet avalanches can sometimes hit areas without any snow cover.

