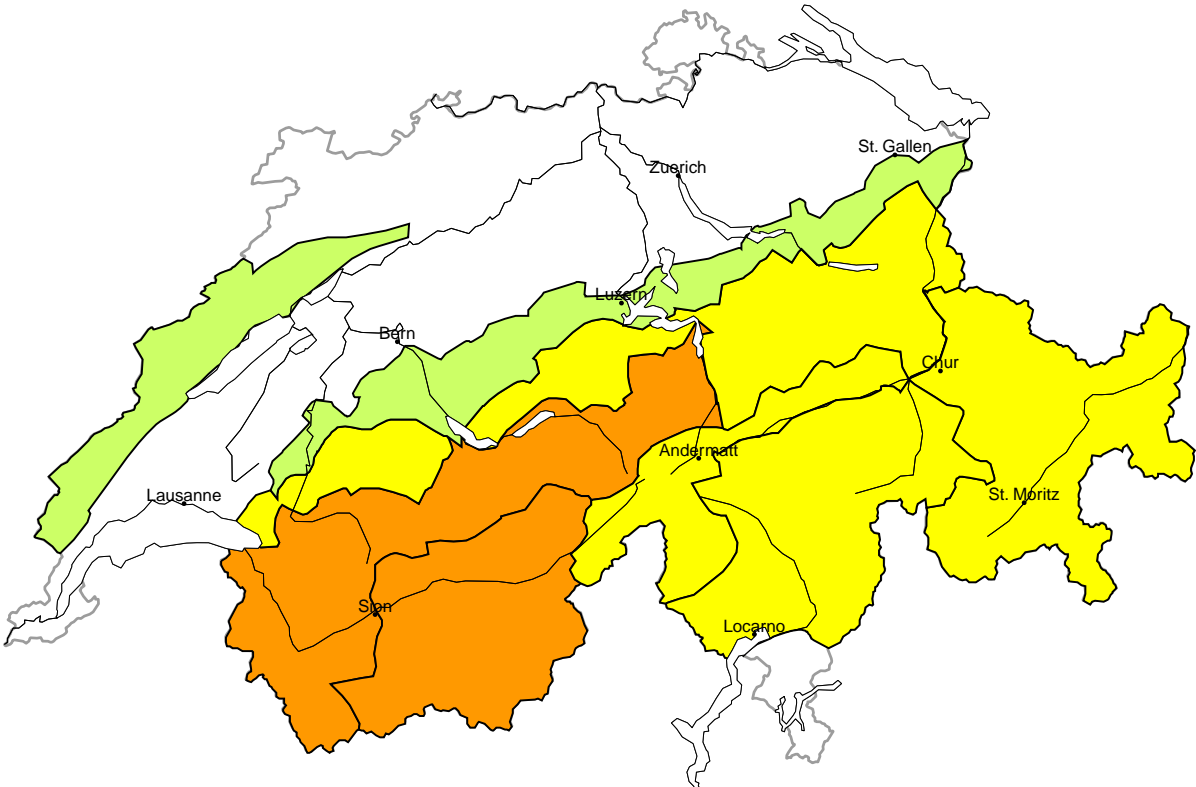


Avalanche danger
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Danger levels



1 low



2 moderate



3 considerable



4 high

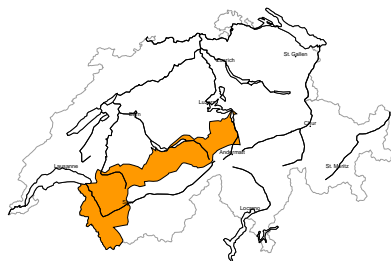


5 very high



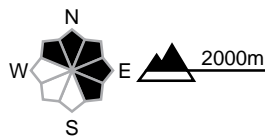
region A

Considerable (3-)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



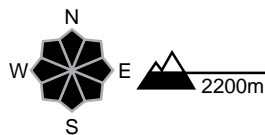
Danger description

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Considerable (3)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As the day progresses as the snowfall level rises there will be a significant increase in the danger of wet avalanches. The rain will give rise to increasing and thorough wetting of the snowpack below approximately 2200 m. More frequent medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected.



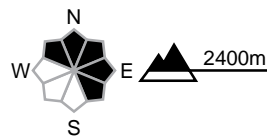
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Considerable (3-)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



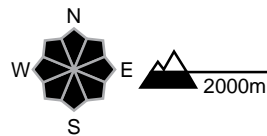
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Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations

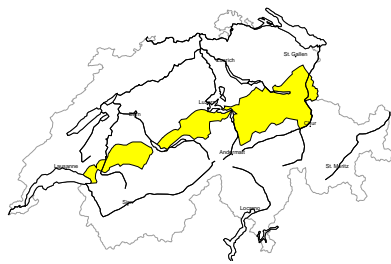


Danger description

As a consequence of the rain more frequent wet and gliding avalanches are possible as the day progresses, even medium-sized ones. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible.

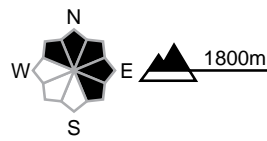
region C

Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



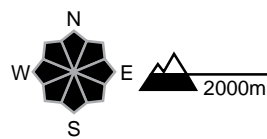
Danger description

The avalanche danger will increase during the day. As a consequence of new snow and a strong westerly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form. These are to be avoided in steep terrain. Avalanches can in isolated cases penetrate deep layers and reach medium size. This applies in particular on little-used, rather lightly snow-covered shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. Careful route selection is recommended.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations

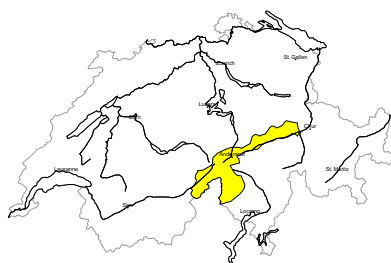


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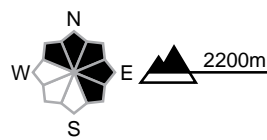
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Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



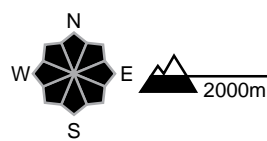
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Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations

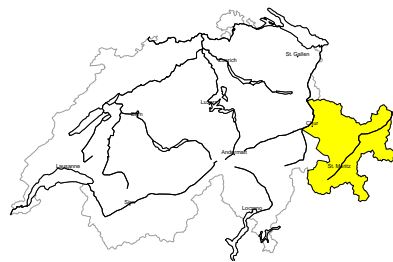


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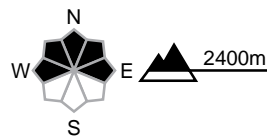
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Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

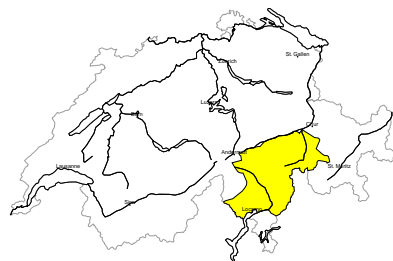


Danger description

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are mostly small but in some cases prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain. Additionally in isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. This applies in particular on little-used, rather lightly snow-covered shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. Careful route selection is required.

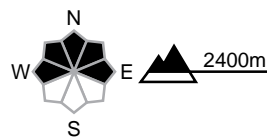
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Moderate (2-)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

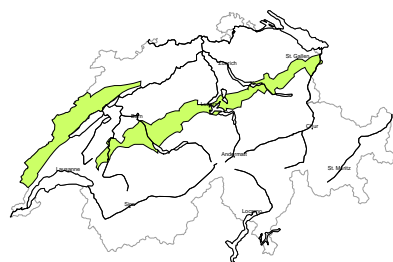


Danger description

Only a little snow is lying. Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are mostly small but in some cases prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in terrain where there is a danger of falling. Additionally in very isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. This applies in particular on little-used, rather lightly snow-covered shady slopes. Careful route selection is recommended.

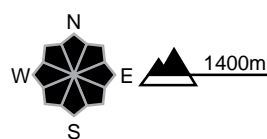
region G

Low (1)



Wet snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

In particular on steep grassy slopes small to medium-sized gliding avalanches and wet snow slides are possible as a consequence of the rain. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

Fresh and drifted snow has been deposited on a surface of loose fresh snow and sometimes surface hoar (hoar frost), particularly on slopes protected from the wind. The avalanche danger will increase significantly as the snowfall becomes more intense and also as a consequence of the warmer temperatures in the afternoon in the west and north. With the rain, more wet and gliding avalanches are also to be expected. This will apply in the west from Sunday lunchtime and in the other regions of the north from Sunday evening.

On shady slopes above approximately 2400 m and in the high Alpine regions in general, there are faceted weak layers deep in the old snowpack. After hardly any avalanches were triggered in these layers in the last few days, this may be possible again from Sunday afternoon due to the fresh snow and rising temperatures.

Weather review for Saturday

It was quite sunny on the Main Alpine Ridge, in the south and in Grisons. Elsewhere it was mostly cloudy but mainly dry.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around +1 °C

Wind

There was a moderate to strong southwesterly wind. In Grisons and Ticino, the wind was light to moderate

Weather forecast to Sunday

It will be very cloudy with light precipitation at first, becoming heavier in the afternoon from the west. The snowfall level will be around 1500 m and will rise a little during the day to 2200 m in the west.

Fresh snow

By Sunday afternoon, the following amounts of snow will fall above approximately 2400 m in the west and 1800 m in the east:

- Northern flank of the Alps west of the Reuss, Valais not including Goms: 20 to 30 cm.
- Eastern part of the northern flank of the Alps east of the Reuss, Goms, rest of the Gotthard region: 10 to 20 cm
- Grisons, Ticino not including the Gotthard region: less than 10 cm, dry in the very south

A little snow will fall in the Jura, followed by rain

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around +1 °C

Wind

There will be a westerly wind that will be:

- Strong in the north and at high altitudes in general, storm force at times in the west
- Moderate in Grisons

Outlook until Tuesday**Monday**

Intense precipitation will fall in the north on Sunday evening, accompanied by storm force westerly winds. The snowfall level will increase to 2200 m. Above approximately 2400 m, a further 20 cm of fresh snow is expected on the northern flank of the Alps, with 10 cm less expected in the west. On Monday, it will be sunny and mild and the wind will ease.

During the night, the danger of dry avalanches will increase further at high altitudes, appreciably so in the east. Below approximately 2200 m, wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected with the rain. During the day, the avalanche danger will decrease below approximately 2200 m, but will not change significantly at higher altitudes. On steep sunny slopes, moist snow slides from the fresh snow are also possible at high altitudes.

Tuesday

It will be quite sunny and mild. The zero-degree level will increase to 3400 m. The southwesterly wind will be light to moderate.

The danger of dry avalanches will gradually decrease. Gliding avalanches are still possible on steep grassy slopes. In addition, moist snow slides from the fresh snow are possible on steep sunny slopes, even at high altitudes.