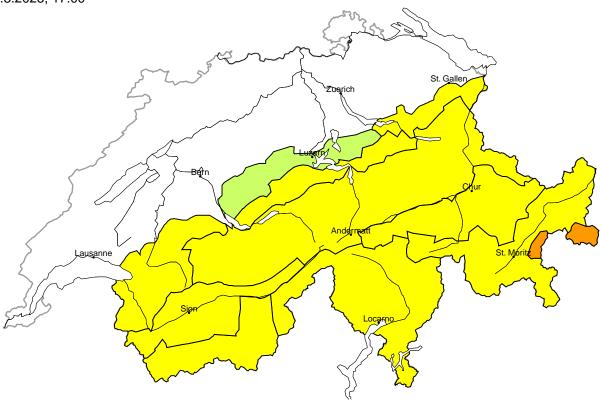
Avalanche danger

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region A

Considerable (3-)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The snowpack will be weakly bonded. In the last few days several avalanches were reported. Avalanches can be triggered in the weakly bonded old snow and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are difficult to recognise. Whumpfing sounds can indicate the danger. Ski touring calls for defensive route selection.

In addition mostly small wind slabs will form as the day progresses. These can in some cases be released easily. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

region B

Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

In some places dry avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are difficult to recognise. Defensive route selection is recommended.

As a consequence of a gathering strong northerly wind, clearly visible wind slabs will form. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain. At elevated altitudes the avalanche prone locations are to be found in all aspects.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As the day progresses medium-sized to large wet and gliding avalanches are possible. This applies especially on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2600 m, as well as on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m. Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

region C

Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

W E 2200m

Danger description

Avalanches can be released in the weakly bonded old snow. They can reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are difficult to recognise. Whumpfing sounds can indicate the danger. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for defensive route selection.

As a consequence of a gathering strong northerly wind, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs will form. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.





2 moderate



3 considerable



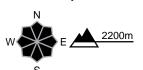
region D

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The avalanche danger will increase but remain within the current danger level. As a consequence of new snow and a gathering strong northeasterly wind, wind slabs will form. These can be released by people. Avalanches can reach medium size.

The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

region E

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

W E 2200m

Danger description

In some places dry avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are barely recognisable. Defensive route selection is recommended.

As a consequence of a gathering strong northeasterly wind, wind slabs will form in the course of the day at elevated altitudes. These are rather small but in some cases prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3

3 considerable

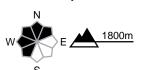
4 high

region F

Moderate (2-)

Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The avalanche conditions in the morning are mostly favourable. As a consequence of a gathering strong bise wind, wind slabs will form in the course of the day. These are mostly small but in some cases prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very 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.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

region G

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The avalanche conditions in the morning are mostly favourable. As a consequence of a gathering strong bise wind, wind slabs will form in the course of the day. These are mostly small but in some cases prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very 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.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

In particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes individual medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

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Danger levels

1 low

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2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

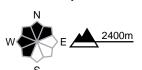
region H

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The avalanche conditions in the morning are mostly favourable. As a consequence of a gathering strong northeasterly wind, wind slabs will form in the course of the day at elevated altitudes. These are mostly small but in some cases prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very 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.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Individual medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

region I

Low (1)



Gliding snow

In particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes individual medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

With fresh snow and strengthening northerly winds, snowdrift accumulations are forming, especially at higher altitudes. These are sometimes prone to triggering.

The old snowpack is quite favourable in the north, but in southern Valais and Grisons, it is faceted and is sometimes prone to triggering, especially in the Engadine and Val Müstair. In Ticino, the weak layers in the old snowpack are now so heavily covered that only isolated avalanches can be triggered in the old snowpack.

The snowpack is water-saturated on southern slopes up into high Alpine regions, as well as on western and eastern slopes below approximately 2000 to 2200 m. The surface of the snowpack only remains loose in places on steep north-facing slopes above approximately 2500 m.

Weather review for Friday

The night to Friday was mostly clear in the mountains. During the day, there was thick low stratus cloud on the northern flank of the Alps. Above that and in other regions, conditions were mostly sunny.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +2 °C in the north and +4 °C in the south

Wind

Light to moderate from northerly directions

Weather forecast to Saturday

Overnight to Saturday cloud cover will increase and precipitation will set in on the northern flank of the Alps and in Grisons. During the day conditions will be generally very cloudy in the north with snowfall above 1200 to 1400 m, especially on the northern flank of the Alps. The southern flank of the Alps will see some sunny intervals.

Fresh snow

From Friday evening to Saturday afternoon the following amounts will fall:

- northern flank of the Alps from the Bernese Oberland to the Alpstein region, Prättigau: 10 to 20 cm
- elsewhere mainly less than 10 cm, dry on the southern flank of the Alps

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between -2 °C in the north and +3 °C in the south

Wind

- Strengthening considerably over the course of the day, with strong to storm-force northerly to northeasterly winds in the afternoon at high altitudes
- Strengthening to strong to storm-force Bise wind from the north on the southern flank of the Alps
- Strengthening to moderate to strong Bise wind along the western Prealps



Outlook

The nights to Sunday and Monday will be mostly overcast in the north and some snow will fall. In Valais and Ticino, on the other hand, the nights will be mostly clear. During the day, conditions will be mostly sunny in the west and south, while In the north-east there will be sunny intervals on Sunday and heavy cloud on Monday, with some snow also falling during the day.

Overnight to Sunday, the northerly to northeasterly winds will be strong to storm-force at higher altitudes, in the south and over the western Prealps. During the day, the wind will temporarily subside somewhat and then strengthen to storm-force again overnight to Monday along the Main Alpine Ridge and south of there. On Sunday it will generally be a little milder, but on Monday temperatures will fall again, especially in the east and south.

The risk of dry avalanches will continue to increase somewhat and become widespread with the fresh drifted snow at higher altitudes. Over the course of the day, wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected in the sunshine. Touring skiing should be completed in good time.

