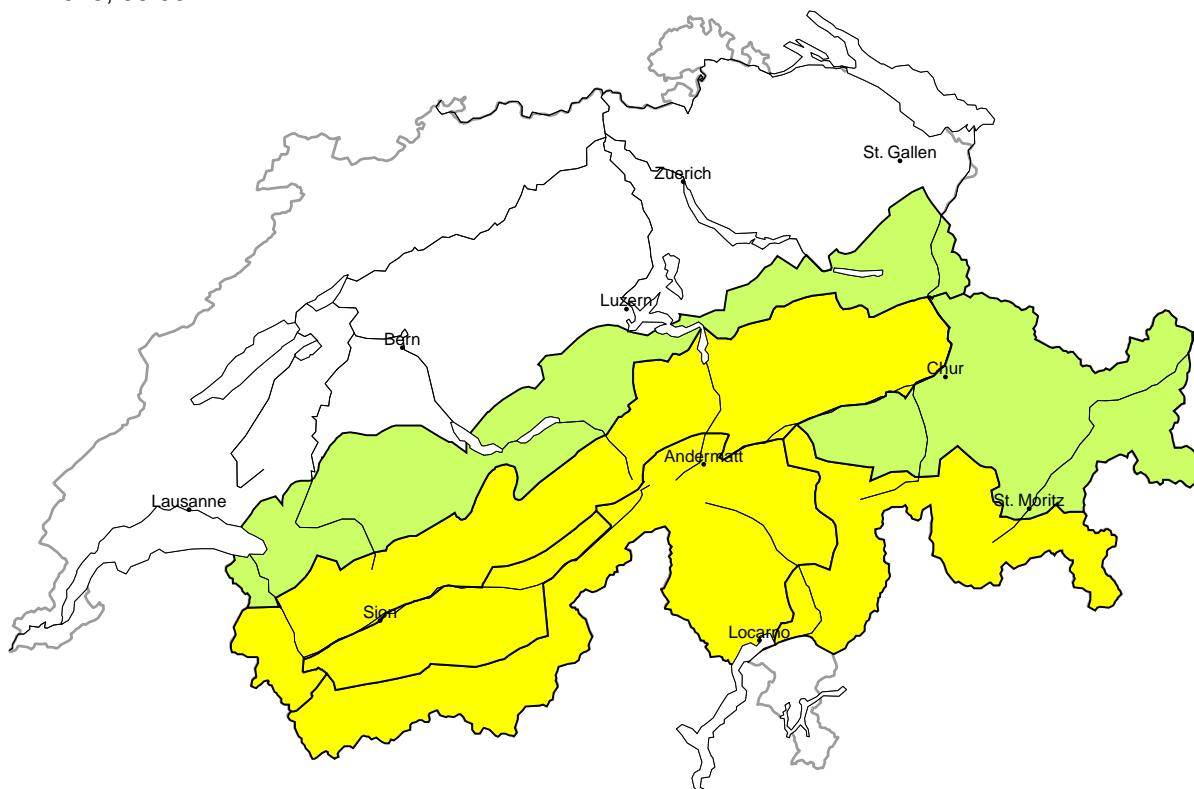
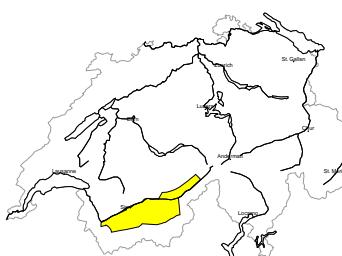
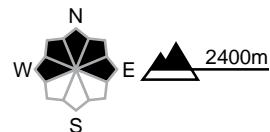


Avalanche bulletin for Tuesday, 16. December 2025**Avalanche danger**

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**region A****Moderate (2=)****Wind slab, Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

Thus far only a little snow is lying. As a consequence of new snow and a sometimes strong southerly wind, wind slabs will form in the course of the day. These will be deposited on a weakly bonded old snowpack. Avalanches can be triggered in the old snow and reach medium size. The prevalence of avalanche prone locations and likelihood of triggering will increase in the afternoon. In the afternoon possibly danger level 3 (considerable) will be reached. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

region B**Moderate (2=)****Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

As a consequence of a sometimes strong southerly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form. These will be deposited on a weakly bonded old snowpack. Avalanches can in some places be released in the weakly bonded old snow by a single winter sport participant. They can reach medium size. Defensive route selection is appropriate.

Danger levels

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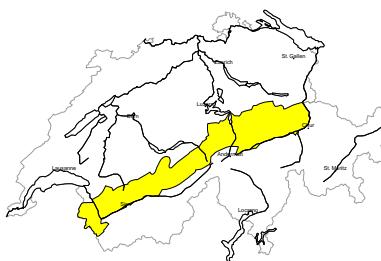
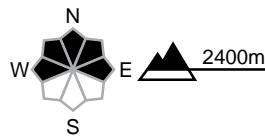
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3 considerable

4 high

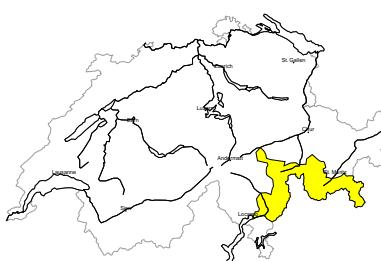
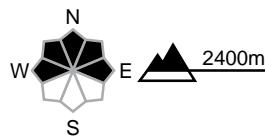
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Avalanche bulletin for Tuesday, 16. December 2025**region C****Moderate (2-)****Wind slab****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

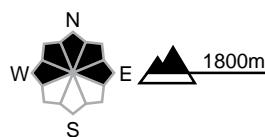
As a consequence of a strong southerly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence. In regions exposed to the foehn wind and in high Alpine regions these avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and the danger is slightly greater. Additionally in very isolated cases avalanches can also be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

region D**Moderate (2-)****Persistent weak layers****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

Thus far only a little snow is lying. In some places avalanches can be triggered in the weakly bonded old snow and reach medium size in isolated cases. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack, when entering gullies and bowls for example.

As a consequence of a sometimes strong southerly wind, wind slabs will form at elevated altitudes. These are mostly small but can in some cases be released easily. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised as well in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

region E**Low (1)****No distinct avalanche problem****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. As a consequence of a sometimes strong southerly wind, small wind slabs will form at elevated altitudes. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Danger levels

1 low

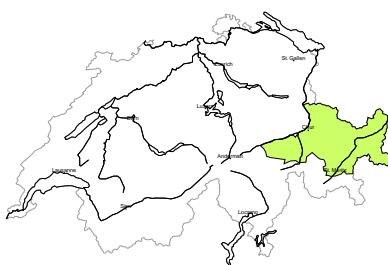
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3 considerable

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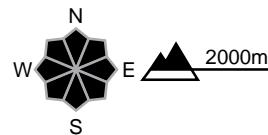
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region F**Low (1)**

Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Weak layers in the old snowpack can still be released in very isolated cases in particular on extremely steep shady slopes.

In addition clearly visible wind slabs will form especially in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. These are small but can in some cases be released easily. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain. In high Alpine regions and in the regions exposed to the foehn wind these avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and the danger is slightly greater. 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.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

5 very high



Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The snow depths at intermediate and high altitudes are generally below average for the time of year. There is particularly little snow on the southern flank of the Alps. Only in parts of Lower Valais is snow depth roughly in line with the long-term average. On southern slopes and generally below 2400 m, the snowpack is mostly crusted.

Along the Main Alpine Ridge and south of there, fresh and drifted snow will be deposited at high altitudes on a thin but heavily faceted snowpack on Tuesday. Avalanches are particularly likely to be triggered in these regions.

North of the Main Alpine Ridge, there are pronounced weak layers in the snowpack, particularly on northern and eastern slopes above approximately 2400 m, but hardly any avalanches have been triggered there in recent days by human activity. At high altitudes the strong southerly wind may transport some of the old snowpack, resulting in snowdrift accumulations locally prone to triggering.

Weather review for Monday

Conditions were mostly sunny in the mountains, with high broken cloud gathering in the south-west and south from midday.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +4°C in the north and +1°C in the south

Wind

In the Alpine valleys in the north and generally at high altitudes, moderate, at times strong from southerly directions

Weather forecast to Tuesday

Towards Tuesday morning, precipitation will set in on the Main Alpine Ridge and south of there. The snowfall level will be at around 1200 m. In other regions, it will be mostly cloudy but dry.

Fresh snow

The following amounts will fall above 1600 m by Tuesday afternoon:

- Main Alpine Ridge from the Grand St Bernard Pass to the Bernina and south of there: 5 to 15 cm, with up to 20 cm in western Ticino and the Simplon region
- elsewhere dry

Temperature

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

Wind

In the Alpine valleys in the north and generally at high altitudes, at times strong from southerly directions

Outlook to Thursday

During the night to Wednesday and on Wednesday morning it will be cloudy on the southern flanks of the Alps and in Grisons. Some snow may fall above 1600 m. In other regions, Wednesday will be very sunny. On Thursday conditions will be very cloudy but dry on the southern flank of the Alps, with sunny conditions elsewhere. Winds will be mostly light on Wednesday, and occasionally moderate on Thursday, from the southwest.

Avalanche risk may continue to increase slightly during the night to Wednesday on the southern flank of the Alps, but elsewhere will barely change.