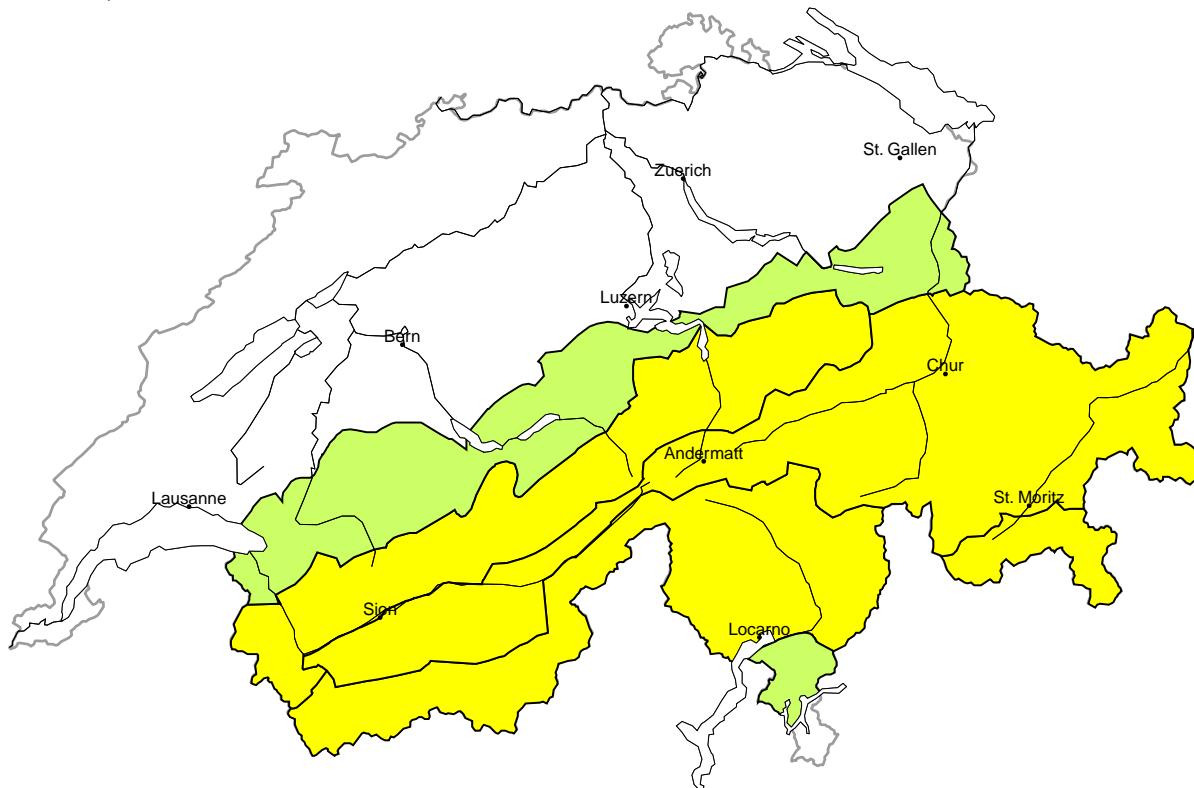


# Avalanche danger

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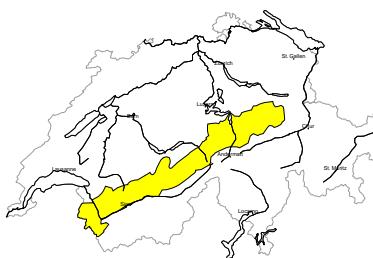


## region A

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

Thus far only a little snow is lying. The fresh and older wind slabs are lying on top of 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. Careful route selection is recommended.

## region B

**Moderate (2-)****Wind slab****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

As a consequence of a strong southerly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form at elevated altitudes. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain. Avalanches are rather small. 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. Careful route selection is advisable.

**Danger levels**

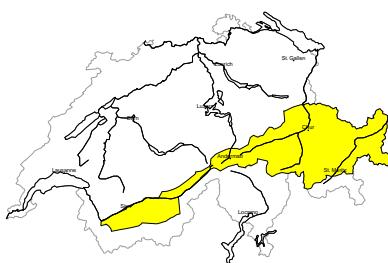
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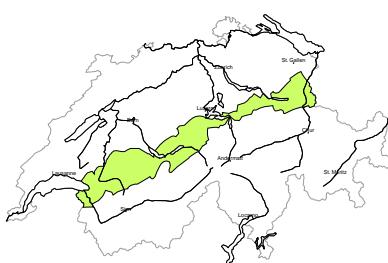
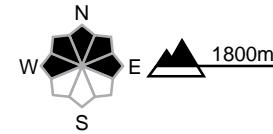
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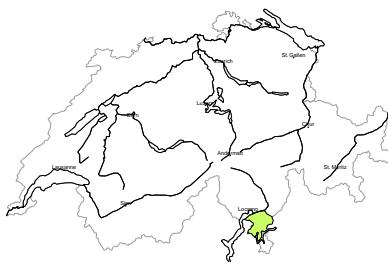
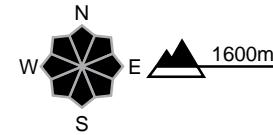
5 very high

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

Thus far only a little snow is lying. Faceted weak layers exist in the snowpack. Avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow. They can reach medium size. In addition mostly small wind slabs will form at elevated altitudes. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain. Careful route selection is recommended.

**region D****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. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

**region E****Low (1)****Wet snow****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

From a snow sport perspective, insufficient snow is lying. On very steep slopes moist snow slides are possible, but they will be mostly small. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

**Danger levels**

1 low

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

5 very high



## Snowpack and weather

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### Snowpack

In most areas, there is less snow than is usual at this time of year. Only in northern Lower Valais are the snow depths about average. On southern slopes and generally below 2400 m, the snowpack is mostly wet or has frozen solid. On the Main Alpine Ridge and to the south of it, this week's fresh snow overlays a thin but weak old snowpack of faceted crystals at altitude.

Particularly in the inneralpine regions of Valais and throughout Grisons, there are sometimes pronounced weak layers of faceted crystals or surface hoar in the snowpack, especially on northern and eastern slopes above approximately 2400 m. However, hardly any avalanches have been triggered in these layers for some days.

Further north, the structure of the snowpack is more favourable.

Despite the strong southerly wind, only small wind slabs will be encountered in some localities, as there is hardly any transportable snow left.

### Weather review for Saturday

It was quite sunny in the north and in the Engadine, but often cloudy in the south and on the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais.

#### Fresh snow

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#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +3 °C in the north and 0 °C in the south

#### Wind

Light to moderate from southerly directions

### Weather forecast to Sunday

It will be quite sunny in the mountains in the north and in the Engadine. It will be cloudy in the south. A little snow will fall on the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais and in western Ticino. The snowfall level will be around 1500 m.

#### Fresh snow

From Saturday evening to Sunday afternoon above approximately 1800 m:

- Main Alpine Ridge in Valais, upper Valle Maggia, Val Bedretto: 5 to 10 cm
- Elsewhere, a few centimetres locally and dry to the north of the Main Alpine Ridge

#### Temperature

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

#### Wind

- Moderate to strong from the south
- A sometimes strong foehn wind in the alpine valleys of the north

### Outlook

On Monday and Tuesday, it will be partly sunny and mild in the north. The southerly wind will still be moderate on Monday and mostly light on Tuesday. In the south, a little snow will fall above approximately 1300 m until Tuesday morning. On the western part of the Main Alpine Ridge and in western Ticino, 5 to 10 cm of fresh snow is possible.

The avalanche danger may increase slightly in the south with arrival of new snow. There will be little change in other regions.