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Avalanche danger

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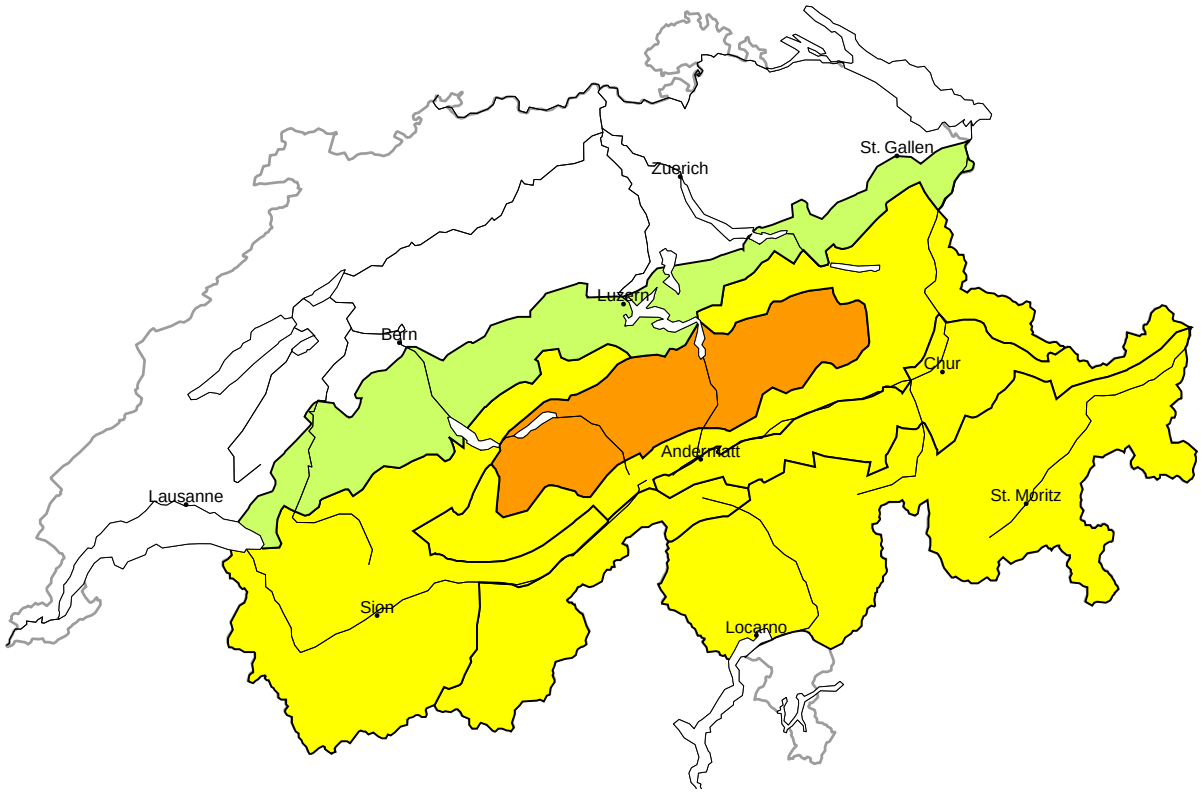
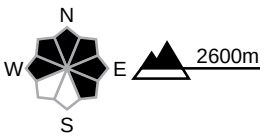


region A

Considerable (3-)

New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and a strong westerly wind, large wind slabs will form at elevated altitudes. The new snow and wind slabs are prone to triggering. Persons can release avalanches in some places, including medium-sized ones.
Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

As a consequence of the rain small and, in isolated cases, medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible below approximately 2000 m. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible.

Danger levels 1 low 2 moderate 3 considerable 4 high 5 very high

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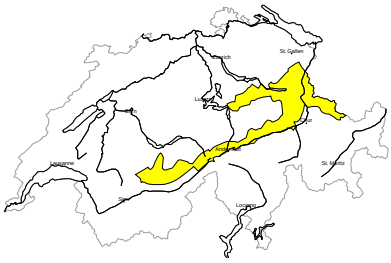
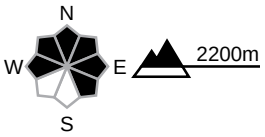
region B

Moderate (2+)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and a strong westerly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form at elevated altitudes. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain. Avalanches can reach medium size.

Low (1)

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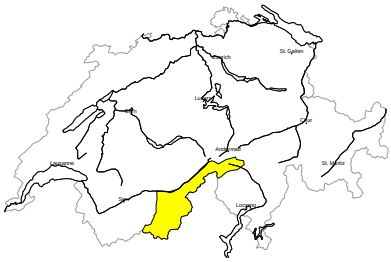
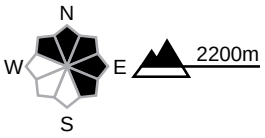
region C

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Fresh and older wind slabs are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. They can still be released in some cases, especially at their margins. Avalanches can reach medium size in isolated cases.
High Alpine regions: Avalanches can in isolated cases be released in near-ground layers. Here the avalanche danger is a little higher.
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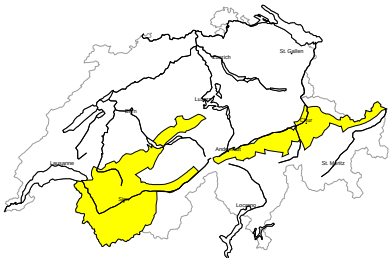
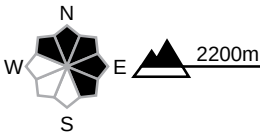
region D

Moderate (2=)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



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Low (1)

Gliding snow

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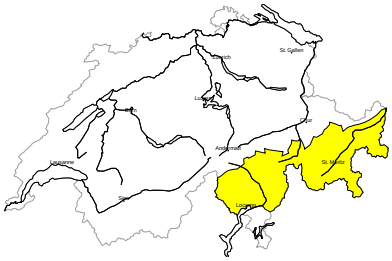
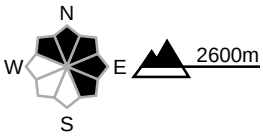
region E

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

At intermediate and high altitudes thus far only a little snow is lying. The fresh and older wind slabs are in some cases still prone to triggering. They are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Mostly avalanches are small. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in very steep terrain.
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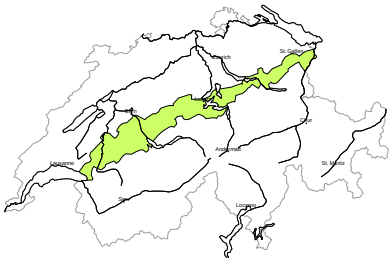
region F

Low (1)



Gliding snow

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Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

New snowdrift accumulations will develop in the north on Thursday with fresh snow and westerly to northwesterly winds. These are prone to triggering at altitude. The underlying snowpack has been moistened with the mild temperatures, foehn wind and rain in recent days to intermediate altitudes and on sunny slopes to high altitudes and has settled. Above approximately 2800 m, a cohesive old snowpack has been lying for over a week. This contains weak layers of faceted crystals, especially on north-facing slopes. In such places, isolated avalanches can be triggered even at ground level. With rain falling at times up to over 2000 m, gliding avalanches are possible on grassy slopes.

Weather review for Wednesday, 27.11.2024

After a cloudy night, it was mostly sunny during the day.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, around +1 °C.

Wind
Moderate at times, otherwise weak from the southwest

Weather forecast to Thursday, 28.11.2024

Precipitation will set in in the north during the night on Thursday. During the day heavy cloud with precipitation. The snowfall level during the night will be between 2200 m in the west and 1800 m in the east. It will drop to around 1800 m in the west and 1400 m in the east by Thursday evening. In the south it will be mostly sunny with a northerly wind.

Fresh snow
From Wednesday night to Thursday afternoon above approximately 2200 m:
- eastern Bernese Oberland, central and eastern parts of the northern flank of the Alps: 25 to 40 cm
- remaining northern flank of the Alps and northern Prättigau: 15 to 25 cm
- elsewhere a few centimetres, dry in the south.

Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between +1 °C in the south-west and -3 °C in the north-east, and +3 °C in the south

Wind
- in the north mostly a strong westerly wind
- in the south a moderate to strong northwesterly wind

Outlook

Friday and Saturday
It will be mostly sunny in the mountains on both days. There will be a weak to moderate northeasterly wind. The zero-degree level will rise to 3000 m in the west and 2200 m in the east. It will be somewhat milder on Saturday.
The danger of dry avalanches will decrease. The sunshine will mean the possibility of loose snow avalanches from the rocks on Friday where fresh snow is lying.