Avalanche danger

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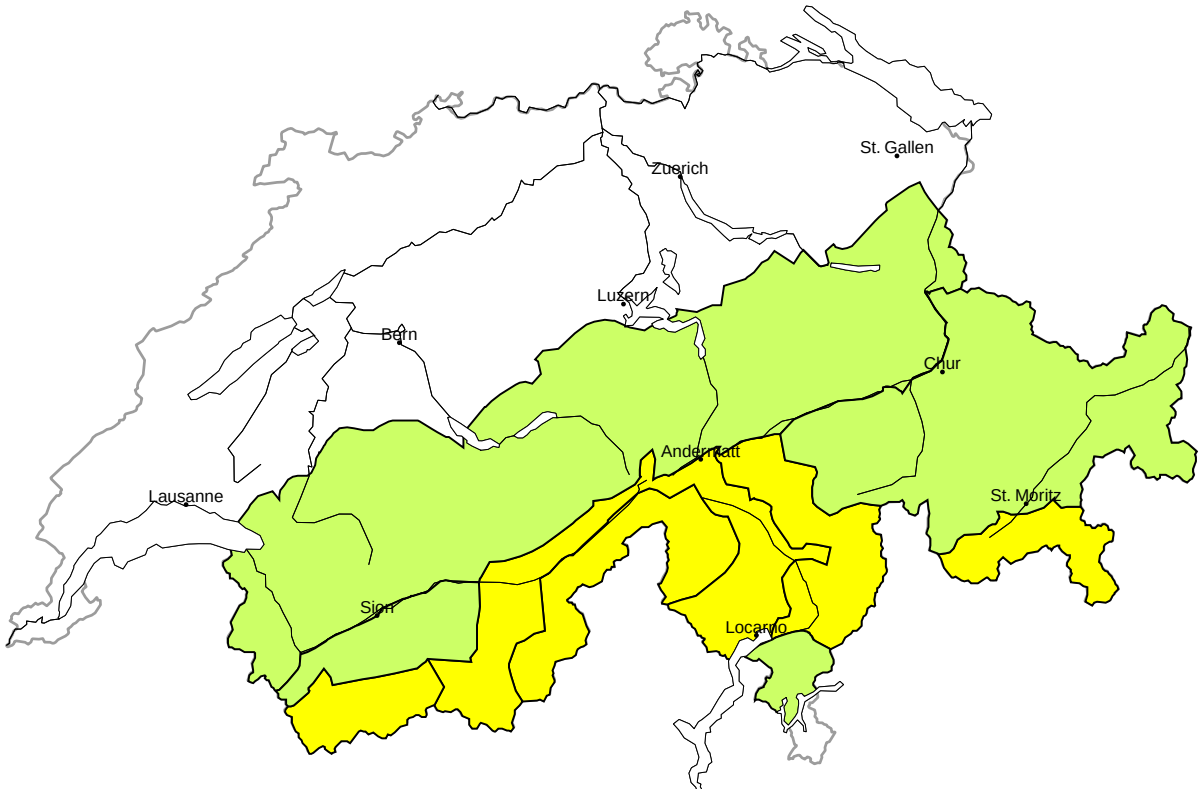
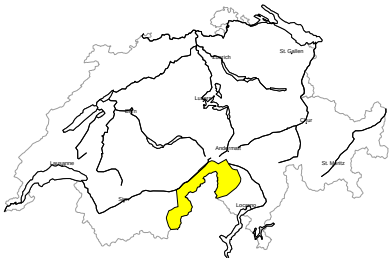
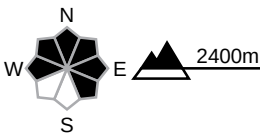


region A — Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

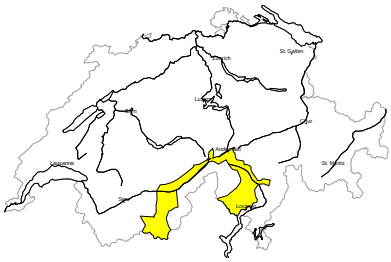
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a storm force southwesterly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form in the course of the day. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain. Avalanches can additionally in some places be released in the weakly bonded old snow also. Mostly these are medium-sized. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

region B — Moderate (2=)



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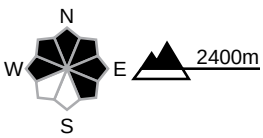

Danger description

As a consequence of a strong to storm force southwesterly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form in the course of the day. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in very steep terrain. Avalanches can additionally in isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow also. These can reach medium size.
Careful route selection is recommended.

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

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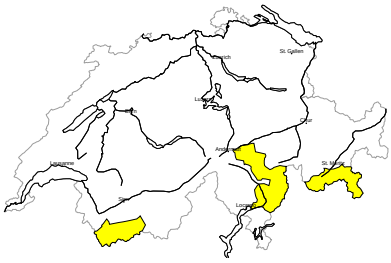
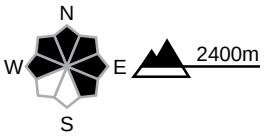
region C — Moderate (2-)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

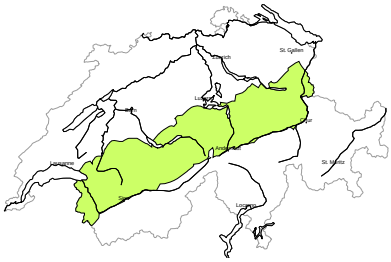
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

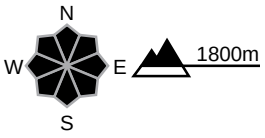
As a consequence of a moderate to strong southwesterly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form in the course of the day. These are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in very steep terrain. Avalanches can additionally in very isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow also. These can reach medium size.
Careful route selection is advisable.

region D — Low (1)



Wind slab

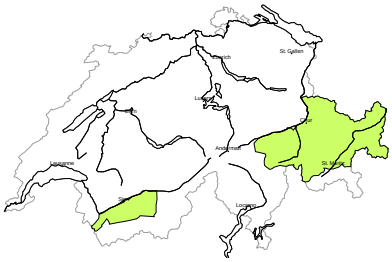
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

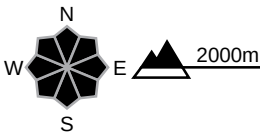
The strong wind will transport the loosely bonded old snow. In the course of the day small wind slabs will form in some localities. These can be released easily. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in extreme terrain. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

region E — Low (1)



Persistent weak layers

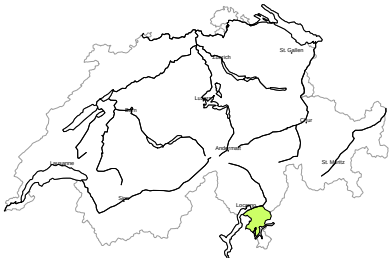
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

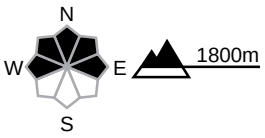
Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can in some cases be released easily. Mostly avalanches are small. Caution is to be exercised in particular in extremely steep terrain. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in particular in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

region F — Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

From a snow sport perspective, in most cases insufficient snow is lying. Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Even a small avalanche can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

There is appreciably less snow than usual at this time of year and snow conditions for ski touring are very poor, especially below 2000 m and generally in the east.
In all regions, the surface of the snowpack is faceted and loose on wind-protected shady slopes. Otherwise, the snowpack structure varies from region to region:

- On the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais and on the central southern flank of the Alps, last week's fresh snow and snowdrift accumulations are lying on a thin but weak old snowpack of faceted crystals. Over the past few days, several mostly small to medium-sized avalanches have been triggered by human activity. Isolated avalanches may still be triggered in the old snowpack in these regions.
- In central Valais, northern Upper Valais and throughout Grisons, weak layers of faceted crystals or surface hoar are present in the snowpack on shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. However, avalanches have only rarely been triggered in these layers. Newer snowdrift accumulations, which tend to be small, are sometimes prone to triggering.
- The snowpack structure is more favourable in the westernmost and northern parts of Lower Valais and on the northern flank of the Alps. Small snowdrift accumulations have formed locally. Below 2400 m, the snowpack has mostly frozen solid.

Weather review for Thursday

Conditions were sunny in the mountains.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between -3 °C in the north and -5 °C in the south

Wind
Moderate to strong westerly winds.

Weather forecast to Friday

The night will be mostly clear. In the north, it will still be quite sunny in the late morning, with clouds gathering during the course of the day. On the eastern part of the northern flank of the Alps, a few centimetres of snow will fall at times down to low altitudes. It will be mostly sunny in the west and south.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between -9 °C in the north and -3 °C in the south

Wind
Moderate to strong from westerly directions, partly storm force in the high Alpine regions of Valais and the Bernese Oberland

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Outlook to Sunday

In the north, snow will fall at times during the night into Saturday and early Saturday morning. On the central and eastern parts of the northern flank of the Alps, 5 to 15 cm will fall down to low altitudes. It will be partly sunny in the afternoon. In Valais and the south, it will remain largely dry and sunny during the day. On Sunday, it will be mostly sunny in the mountains.
There will be a moderate to strong westerly wind on Saturday, which will decrease appreciably on Sunday.
In the north, the avalanche danger will increase slightly with the snowfall. Fresh snowdrift accumulations will be deposited on a weak old snowpack and will be prone to triggering. Elsewhere the avalanche danger will hardly change.