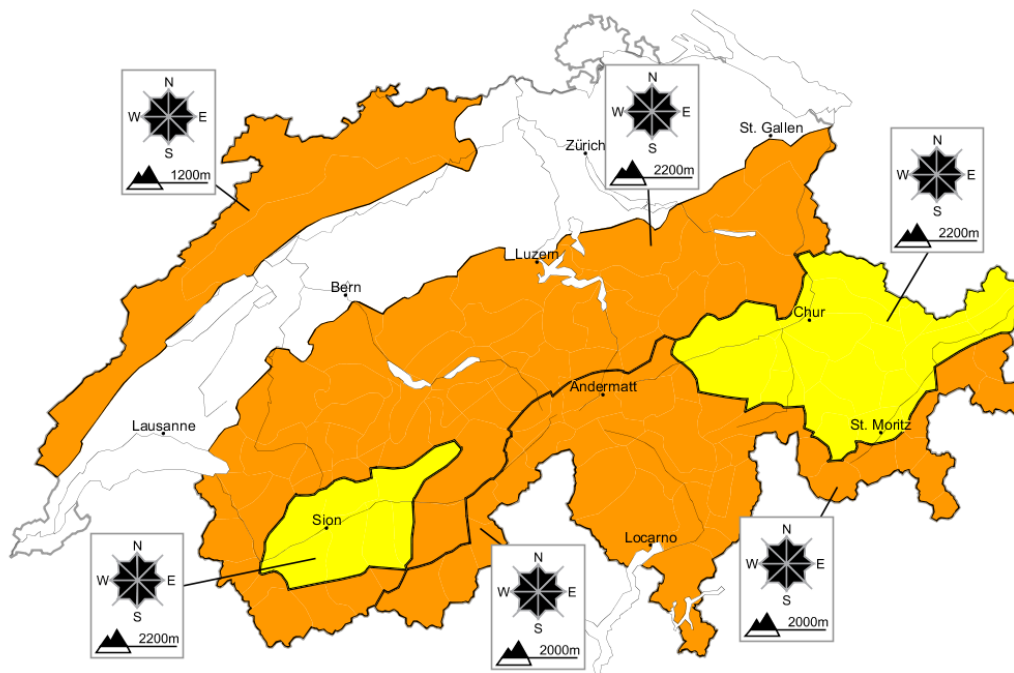


Considerable avalanche danger will be encountered over a wide area.

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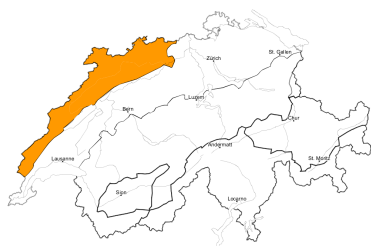
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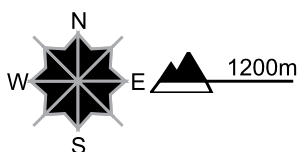
Region A

Level 3, considerable



Snow drifts

Avalanche prone locations

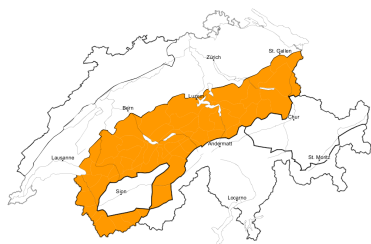


Danger description

The fresh snow drift accumulations represent the main danger. They can be released by a single winter sport participant. Snowshoe hiking calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

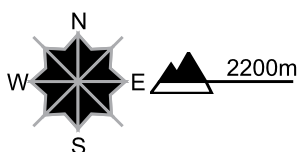
Region B

Level 3, considerable



Snow drifts

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The snow drift accumulations are mostly small but can be released easily. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence. Avalanches can in addition be released in deeper layers on steep north facing slopes. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Danger scale

1 low

2 moderate

3 consider.

4 high

5 very high



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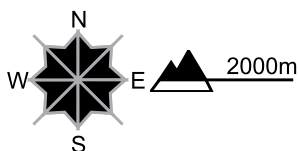
Region C

Level 3, considerable



Snow drifts

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

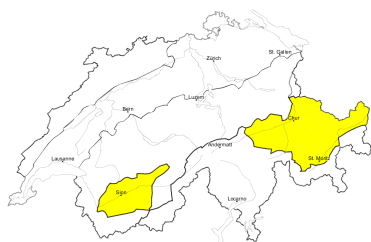
The snow drift accumulations are can be released easily. They are to be bypassed. Avalanches can in addition be released in deeper layers on steep north facing slopes. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Full-depth avalanches

On steep grassy slopes and on cut slopes full-depth avalanches are possible below approximately 2000 m.

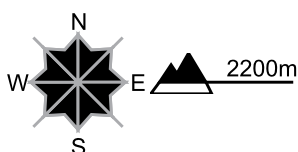
Region D

Level 2, moderate



Snow drifts

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The snow drift accumulations are mostly small but can in some cases be released easily. They are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. Weak layers in the old snowpack can be released by a single winter sport participant in some places on steep north facing slopes. Careful route selection is recommended.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The new fallen snow of the last couple of days has been deposited on top of an area wide old snowpack above 1600 to 2000 m on north facing slopes, above 1800 to 2600 m on south facing slopes, in the process of which a partially unfavourable old snow cover has been blanketed over on north facing slopes. The masses of fresh fallen snow in southern regions are settling rapidly. As a result of northerly winds on Wednesday, snow drift accumulations have formed afresh.

Observed weather on Thursday, 29.11.2012

During the night it snowed down to low altitudes. Over the course of the day the snowfall came to an end in most regions. In eastern regions and in the Jura, the snowfall continued until evening.

Fresh snow

Above 2200 m, there have been the following amounts of snowfall since the start of this period of precipitation on Monday morning:

- from Monte Rosa over the Simplon region into northern Ticino, central Ticino, Val Moesa and Val Calanca: 80 - 140 cm
- Chablais, remaining Main Alpine Ridge not including Lower Engadine, Upper Valais, Münstertal: 30 - 60 cm, in the Bernina region as much as 90 cm
- remaining regions: 15 - 30 cm
- Jura: 50 to 70 cm (above 1500 m)

Temperature

at midday at 2000 m, minus 7 degrees in northern regions, minus 5 degrees in southern regions

Wind

widespread winds of moderate strength, in Ticino and in the Jura moderate to strong velocity northerly winds

Weather forecast until Friday, 30.11.2012

In western regions and the Valais it will turn quite sunny. In the remaining regions it will be heavily overcast accompanied by bright intervals in the afternoon.

Fresh snow

in eastern regions a few centimeters of snow down to low altitudes

Temperature

at midday at 2000 m, minus 10 degrees in northern regions, minus 6 degrees in southern regions

Wind

- A northerly wind will be blowing at moderate velocity during the night, during the day tomorrow it will slacken off.
- Moderate strength breeze winds in the Prealps and the Jura.

Outlook until Sunday, 2.12.2012

Saturday

Quite sunny to begin with, then clouds will move in from the west. The avalanche danger will gradually decrease.

Sunday

Skies will be predominantly overcast, snow showers are possible in northern regions. It will remain cold. The avalanche danger is not expected to change significantly.