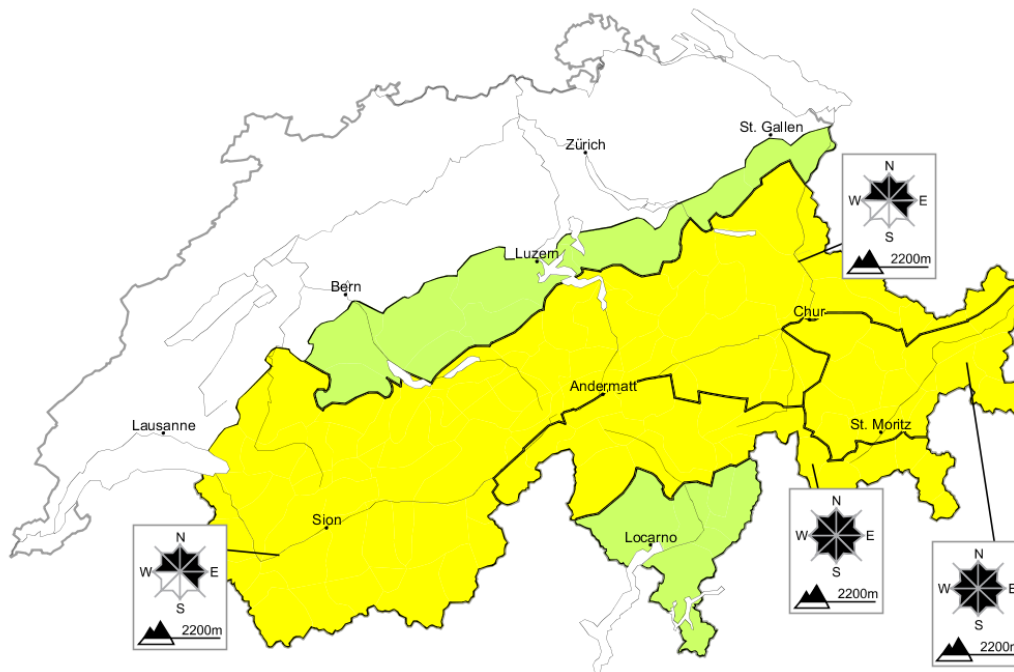


A generally favourable avalanche situation will prevail

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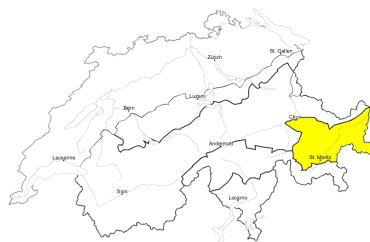
Avalanche danger

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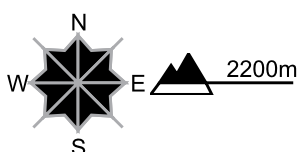
Region A

Level 2, moderate



Old snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. This applies in particular in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. The avalanche prone locations are difficult to recognise. The avalanche conditions are treacherous. Snow sport activities outside marked and open pistes call for careful route selection.

Snow drifts

The fresh snow drift accumulations are to be evaluated with care and prudence. They are to be found especially adjacent to the ridge line and in gullies and bowls.

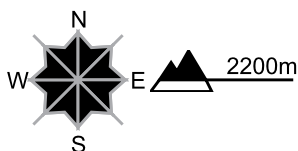
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Level 2, moderate



Snow drifts, old snow

Avalanche prone locations

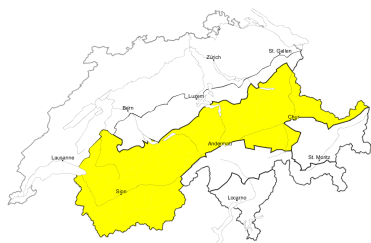


Danger description

The fresh snow drift accumulations are to be evaluated with care and prudence. They are mostly rather small but can in some cases be released easily. They are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on east to south to west facing aspects above approximately 2200 m. Avalanches can additionally, in isolated cases be released in deeper layers, in particular by large additional loads. This applies especially on very steep shady slopes. Careful route selection is recommended.

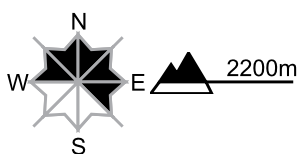
Region C

Level 2, moderate



Old snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can be released in deeper layers, in particular by large additional loads. The inneralpine regions of Valais: Avalanches can in very isolated cases penetrate down to the ground and reach medium size. This applies in particular in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. Careful route selection is recommended.

Snow drifts

The fresh snow drift accumulations are to be evaluated with care and prudence. They are to be found in particular adjacent to the ridge line in all aspects.

Region D

Level 1, low

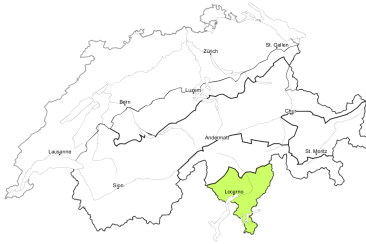


Snow drifts, old snow

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. The fresh snow drift accumulations are to be evaluated with care and prudence. Even a small avalanche can sweep snow sport participants along and give rise to falls.

Region E

Level 1, low



Old snow

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. The fresh snow drift accumulations are to be evaluated with care and prudence. Even a small avalanche can sweep snow sport participants along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The fresh snow deposits are mostly loosely bonded. In particular in the central part of the main Alpine ridge and in Upper Engadine, fresh, rather small snow drift accumulations have formed as a consequence of the northerly wind. In particular on the northern flank of the Alps and generally in the high Alpine regions, the snowpack has been substantially influenced by the wind; it is therefore very variable, but the bonding is favourable in the majority of cases. In most regions on the southern flank of the Alps as well, the bonding of the snowpack is favourable in the majority of cases. In the inneralpine regions of both Valais and in particular Grisons, avalanches can be released in near-ground, faceted and weakly bonded layers of the snowpack. This applies in particular in shady areas where the snow cover is shallow. Here, avalanches can reach medium size and endanger those engaging in snow sport activities.

Observed weather on Wednesday, 2.1.2013

The weather was mostly sunny on the southern flank of the Alps and in the high Alpine regions, but remained very cloudy elsewhere. In the inneralpine regions and Engadine, it became brighter from the west during the day.

Fresh snow

Only a little snow has fallen since Tuesday:

- Western Lower Valais and the northern flank of the Alps: 5 to 15 cm
- Other regions: up to 10 cm

The snowfall level on Wednesday was between 500 and 800 m.

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m: between minus 6 degrees in the north and minus 4 degrees in the south

Wind

Light northerly wind, but light to moderate on the main Alpine ridge

Weather forecast until Thursday, 3.1.2013

Mostly very cloudy in the north, and in the east in particular a little precipitation in the afternoon. Mostly sunny in the south and in Valais, and increasingly cloudy towards the evening in Engadine.

Fresh snow

A few centimetres of snow in the central and eastern parts of the northern flank of the Alps and in Prättigau. Snowfall level approximately 1700 m

Temperature

At 2000 m about 0 degrees

Wind

Light to moderate from the north

Outlook until Saturday, 5.1.2013

Friday

Mostly cloudy in the north, and a little precipitation in the central and eastern parts of the northern flank of the Alps and in northern and central Grisons. A little cooler for a while. Mostly sunny in the south and in Valais, cloudy at times in Engadine. The avalanche danger will change very little.

Saturday

Low stratus cloud cover in the north. Above the cloud and in the south, mostly sunny. Mild. The avalanche danger will change very little.