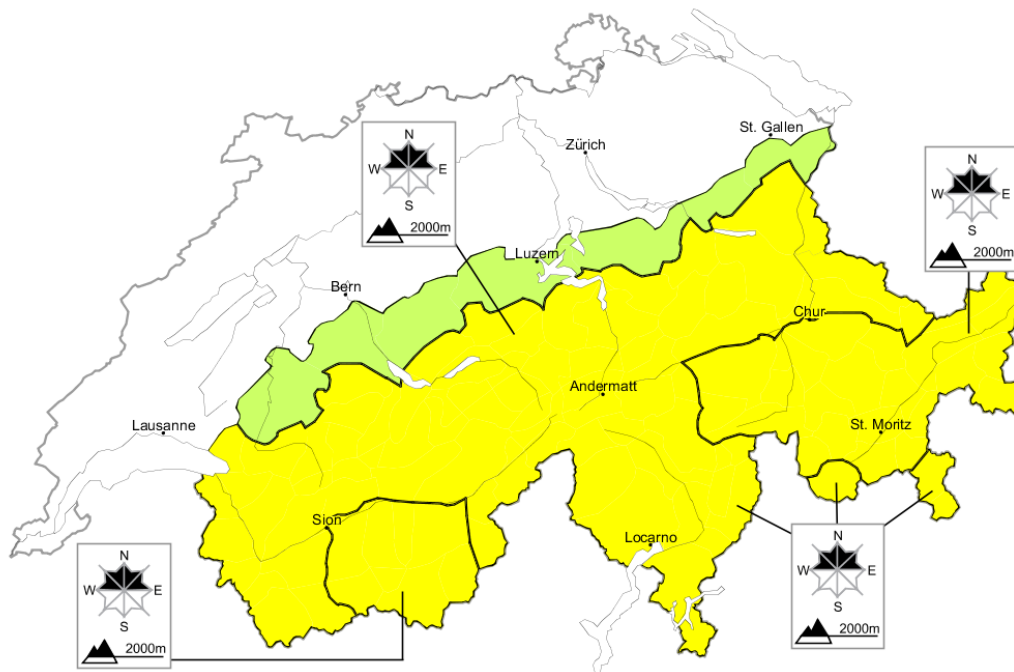


## Fresh snow drifts require caution

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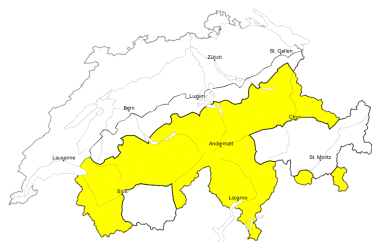
## Avalanche danger

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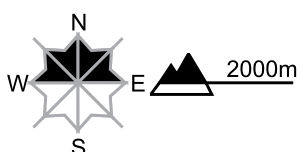
### Region A

### Level 2, moderate



#### Snow drifts

##### Avalanche prone locations



##### Danger description

As a consequence of the strong wind hard snow drift accumulations have formed. These are mostly 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. In the regions exposed to the foehn wind the snow drift accumulations are larger. Here the danger is higher. The clearly visible snow drift accumulations are to be bypassed as far as possible.

#### Full-depth avalanches

Northern flank of the Alps, Valais, northern and central Grisons: As the day progresses individual full-depth avalanches are possible below approximately 2400 m. This applies in particular on steep east, south and west facing slopes. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible.

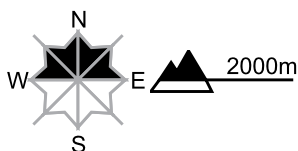
## Region B

## Level 2, moderate



### Snow drifts, old snow

#### Avalanche prone locations



#### Danger description

As a consequence of the sometimes strong wind hard snow drift accumulations have formed. These are mostly small but can in some cases be released easily. They are to be found in particular adjacent to the ridge line and in gullies and bowls. Avalanches can release deeper layers of the snowpack. Careful route selection is advisable. The clearly visible snow drift accumulations are to be bypassed as far as possible.

### Full-depth avalanches

Valais, northern and central Grisons: As the day progresses individual full-depth avalanches are possible below approximately 2400 m. This applies in particular on steep east, south and west facing slopes. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible.

## Region C

## Level 1, low



### Snow drifts, old snow

In some localities snow drift accumulations have formed. These are mostly very small but in some cases prone to triggering. These avalanche prone locations are to be found especially adjacent to the ridge line and in gullies and bowls. Restraint should be exercised in view of the danger of being buried, but in particular because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

### Full-depth avalanches

As the day progresses individual full-depth avalanches are possible. This applies in particular on steep east, south and west facing slopes. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible.

## Snowpack and weather

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### Snowpack

Strong to storm strength southerly winds have brought about snowdrift accumulations which are wind-hardened from place to place. On north facing slopes they have been deposited on top of an old snowpack surface which to some extent is loosely packed, making the drifted masses triggerable in places. Elsewhere the snowpack is favourably layered in general, excluding in the inneralpine regions of the Valais, in central Grisons, in the Engadine and in Val Müstair, where intermediate and more deeply embedded layers inside the snow cover are to some extent faceted and weak. In those regions, avalanches which are released on the uppermost surface can break through down to layers closer to the ground. The activity of full depth snowslides has subsided over the last few days. In isolated cases, particularly on the northern flank of the Alps, in the Valais and in northern and central Grisons, full depth snowslides have released on steep, smooth, sunny slopes below approximately 2400 m. Very steep south facing slopes below approximately 2600 m are thoroughly wet.

### Observed weather on Wednesday, 6.3.2013

Skies were heavily overcast, accompanied by brief intervals of brightness in northern regions. In southern regions there was light snowfall above approximately 1200 m.

#### Fresh snow

Between Tuesday evening and Wednesday evening on the southern flank of the Alps there was a few centimeters of snow. Elsewhere it remained dry.

#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, in northern regions +3°C, in southern regions -2°C

#### Wind

Moderate to strong velocity winds, in some areas in foehn exposed regions storm strength southerly winds

### Weather forecast until Thursday, 7.3.2013

Skies will be heavily overcast in general. In southern regions above approximately 1400 m there will be a small amount of snowfall. In western regions and in the Valais more than anywhere else, bright intervals are possible over the course of the day.

#### Fresh snow

Between Wednesday evening and Thursday evening:

- southern flank of the Alps, 5 to 15 cm of snowfall
- remaining regions: just a few centimeters from place to place or it will remain dry

#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, in northern regions +1°C, in southern regions -1°C

#### Wind

Light to moderate velocity winds, shifting from southerly to southwesterly

### Outlook until Saturday, 9.3.2013

On both days skies will be variably cloudy. Above approximately 1500 to 2000 m a small amount of snowfall is anticipated. The danger of dry avalanches is expected to gradually recede. Full depth snowslides continue to be possible.