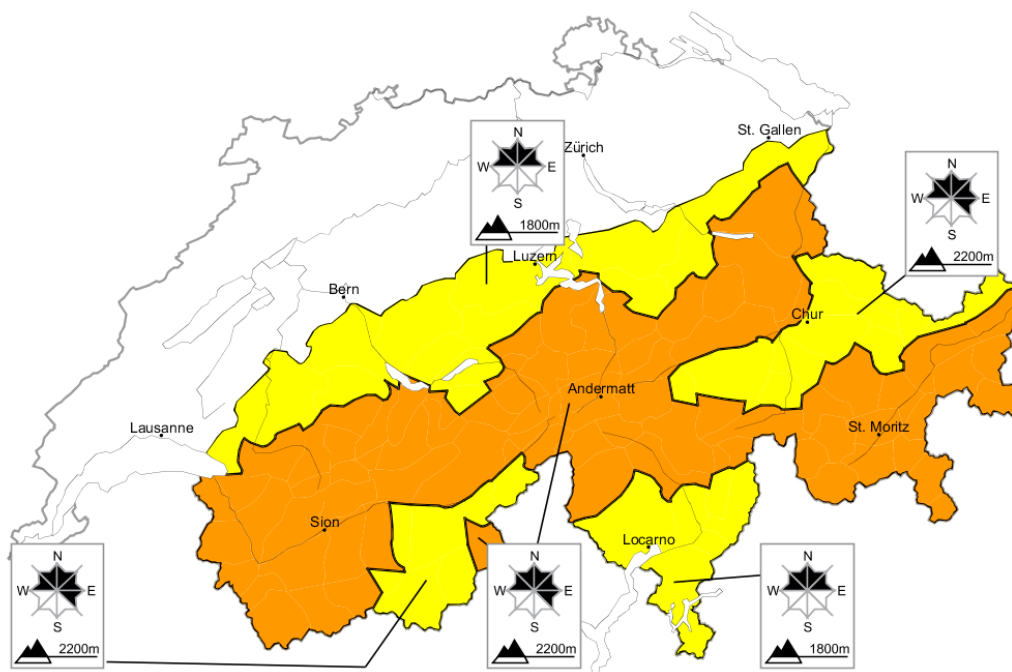


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### Avalanche danger

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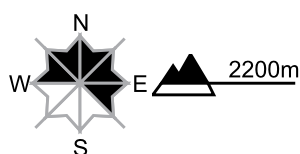
#### Region A

#### Level 3, considerable



#### Snow drifts

##### Avalanche prone locations



##### Danger description

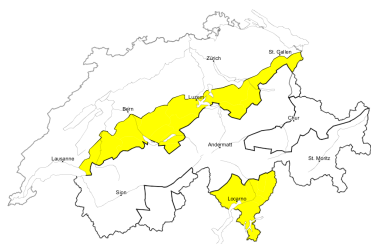
The snow drift accumulations of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. Single snow sport participants can release avalanches in some places. Whumpfung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. Off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

#### Wet avalanches as day progresses, Full-depth avalanches

As the day progresses individual full-depth and wet avalanches are to be expected below approximately 2400 m.

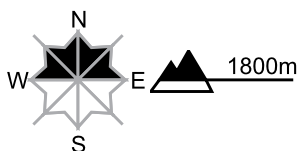
## Region B

## Level 2, moderate



### Snow drifts

#### Avalanche prone locations



#### Danger description

The older snow drift accumulations are mostly small but in some cases prone to triggering. They are to be found in particular adjacent to the ridge line and in gullies and bowls. Careful route selection is recommended.

### Wet avalanches as day progresses, Full-depth avalanches

As the day progresses individual full-depth and wet avalanches are to be expected. This applies in particular in the Prealps.

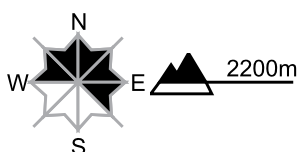
## Region C

## Level 2, moderate



### Snow drifts

#### Avalanche prone locations



#### Danger description

The snow drift accumulations of the last few days are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack. Avalanches can be released, even by small loads in isolated cases. Mostly they are rather small. In high Alpine regions avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and the danger is level 3 (considerable). Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for defensive route selection.

### Wet avalanches as day progresses, Full-depth avalanches

As the day progresses individual full-depth and wet avalanches are to be expected below approximately 2400 m.



## Snowpack and weather

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### Snowpack

The various layers of new fallen snow and snowdrift from this week are still prone to triggering to some extent. On sun-drenched slopes they have settled considerably up to high altitudes and become moistened on the uppermost surface. Beneath these layers the old snow cover is favourably structured far and wide. Weak, faceted layers more deeply embedded inside the snowpack are to be found in the inneralpine regions of the Valais, in central Grisons as well as in the Engadine and in Val Müstair more than anywhere else. Over the last few days, however, there have been next to no avalanches fracturing deep into the old snow cover.

Full depth snowslides and, insofar as there are extensive bright periods, also moist sluffs continue to be possible.

### Observed weather on Friday, 22.3.2013

At night and during the morning, skies were partially overcast in northeastern regions. During the course of the day they turned somewhat sunny in western regions and in the Valais. Elsewhere it was sunny. Temperatures rose from the west.

#### Fresh snow

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#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +3° C in western regions and -1° C in eastern regions

#### Wind

During the night moderate velocity westerly winds, from place to place at strong velocity; during the day, the winds slackened off

### Weather forecast until Saturday, 23.3.2013

Skies will be partially clear tonight; tomorrow during the day, frequently overcast accompanied by foehn-induced bright interims in the central and eastern sectors of the northern flank of the Alps in particular, as well as in northern and central Grisons. During the afternoon above approximately 1100 m, a small amount of snowfall is anticipated in southern regions in particular.

#### Fresh snow

in southern regions, 0-5 cm

#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, in northern regions 0° C, in southern regions -2° C

#### Wind

Light to moderate velocity westerly to southwesterly winds. In the valleys of the northern regions there will be a tendency towards foehn weather conditions.

### Outlook until Monday, 25.3.2013

On Sunday, skies will be heavily overcast in general. A small amount of snowfall is anticipated above approximately 1200 m in southern regions in particular. On Monday, skies will be variably cloudy accompanied by bright spells and scattered showers. The danger of dry avalanches will decrease. Full depth snowslides as well as isolated moist avalanches are possible during the course of the day.