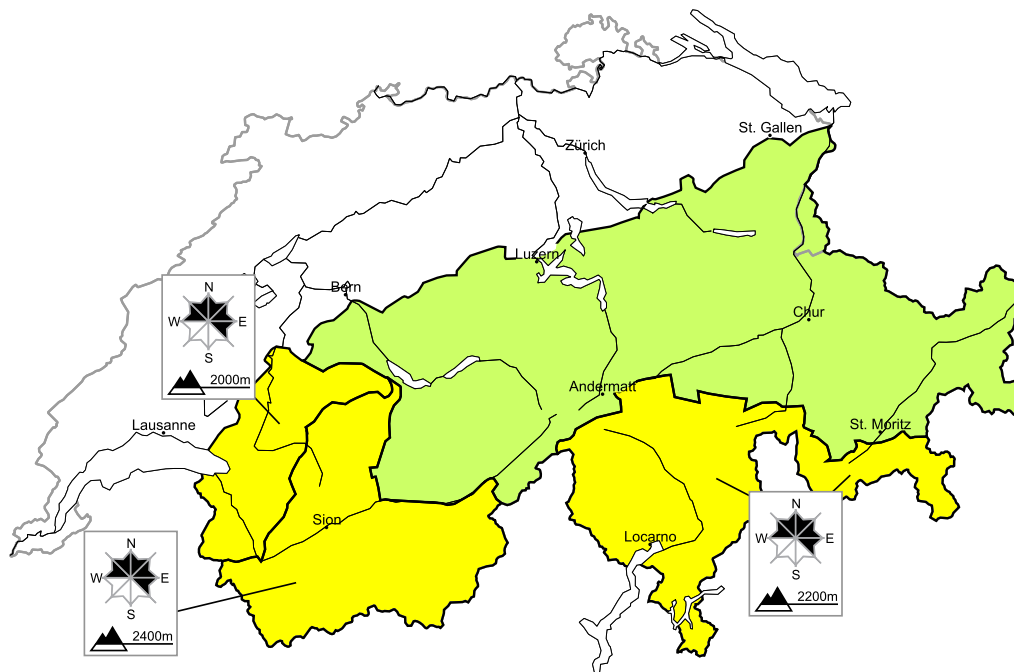


A generally favourable avalanche situation will prevail

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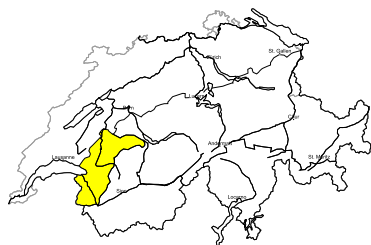
Avalanche danger

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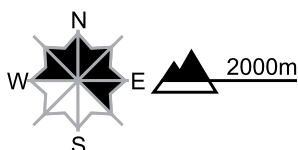
Region A

Level 2, moderate



Snow drifts, old snow

Avalanche prone locations





Danger description

The mostly small snow drift accumulations of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. As a consequence of the strong wind further snow drift accumulations will form. These are only small but can be released easily. Avalanches can additionally in isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised also in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.


Danger levels

 1 low

 2 moderate

 3 consider.

 4 high

 5 very high



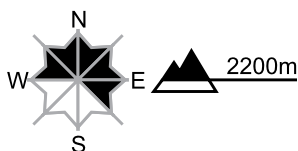
Region B

Level 2, moderate



Snow drifts, old snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The mostly small snow drift accumulations of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. They are clearly recognisable. Avalanches can additionally in isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised also in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

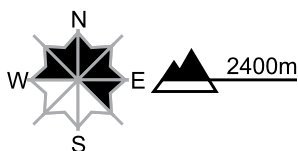
Region C

Level 2, moderate



Snow drifts, old snow

Avalanche prone locations

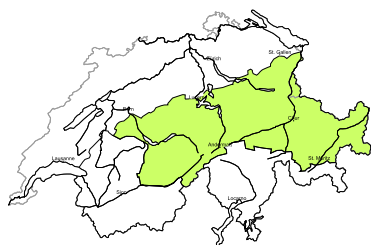


Danger description

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Region D

Level 1, low



Old snow

Avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow. These are only small. 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.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The snow drift accumulations of the last few days are still prone to triggering in some places, particularly where they have been deposited on top of a soft, faceted snowpack surface.

Interspersed inside the snow cover are very soft, intensely faceted layers of snow crystals. For that reason, avalanches can even sweep along parts of the generally thin old snowpack.

As a result of the below average snowpack depths the danger of injury from stones is especially high, in case of a fall or in case an avalanche is released.

Observed weather on Saturday, 21.12.2013

In northern regions it was sunny in the Swiss Alps. In southern regions skies were heavily overcast in general.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m in northern regions, +2°C; in southern regions, -1°C

Wind

Light southwesterly winds, moderate velocity at high altitudes

Weather forecast through Sunday, 22.12.2013

In northern regions skies will be variably cloudy, in southern regions heavily overcast in general. In the inneralpine regions extended periods of sunshine are anticipated.

Fresh snow

In southern regions above approximately 1600 m, a few centimeters of snowfall.

Temperature

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

Wind

Moderate strength southwesterly winds in the mountains, intermittently at strong velocity in the western Prealps

Outlook through Tuesday, 24.12.2013

On Monday in northern regions a small amount of snowfall is expected to begin with, thereafter it will return to being sunny there, as it was previously in the other regions. On Tuesday in northern regions it will be quite sunny, accompanied by strong velocity foehn winds; in southern regions initial precipitation will set in. The avalanche danger is expected to diminish somewhat on Monday, then increase slightly on Tuesday in southern regions in particular.