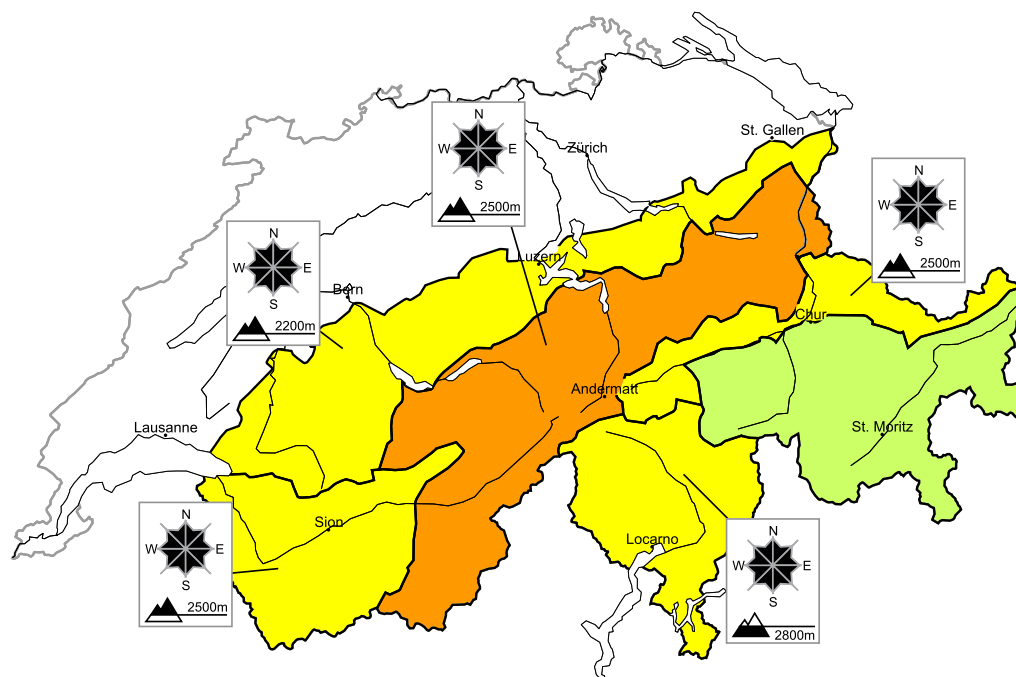


## Considerable avalanche danger will be encountered in some regions

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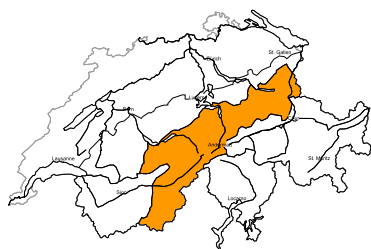
### Avalanche danger

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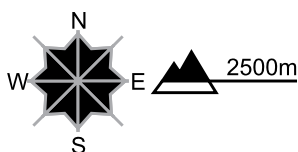
#### region A

#### Level 3, considerable



#### Fresh snow and snow drifts

##### Avalanche prone locations



##### Danger description

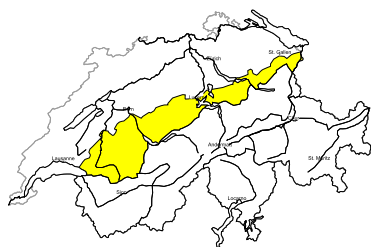
The fresh snow and snow drift accumulations are in some cases prone to triggering. Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. Ski touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

#### Wet avalanches

Fresh snow is lying on a wet old snowpack. In steep rocky terrain loose snow slides are to be expected. This applies in particular below approximately 2200 m.

## region B

## Level 2, moderate



### Fresh snow and snow drifts

#### Avalanche prone locations



#### Danger description

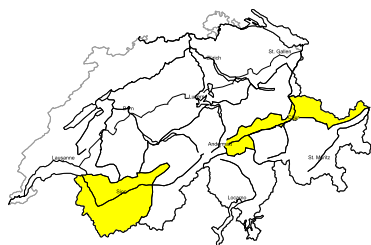
The fresh snow of the last two days can be released in isolated cases. The fresh snow drift accumulations are in some cases prone to triggering. These are mostly small. They are to be avoided in steep terrain. Careful route selection is recommended.

### Wet avalanches

Fresh snow is lying on a wet old snowpack. In steep rocky terrain loose snow slides are to be expected, but they will be mostly small. This applies in particular below approximately 2200 m.

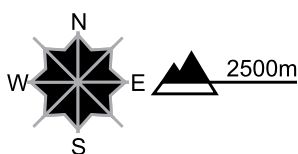
## region C

## Level 2, moderate



### Fresh snow and snow drifts

#### Avalanche prone locations



#### Danger description

The fresh snow and snow drift accumulations of the last few days can still be released in some cases. Fresh snow drift accumulations will form in particular in high Alpine regions. They can in some cases be released easily, but they will be small in most cases. They are to be avoided in steep terrain. Careful route selection is recommended.

### Wet avalanches as day progresses

Valais: Fresh snow is lying on a wet old snowpack. As a consequence of solar radiation moist snow slides are to be expected. This applies in particular below approximately 2400 m.

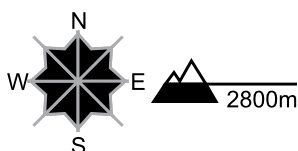
## region D

## Level 2, moderate



### Wet avalanches as day progresses

#### Avalanche prone locations



#### Danger description

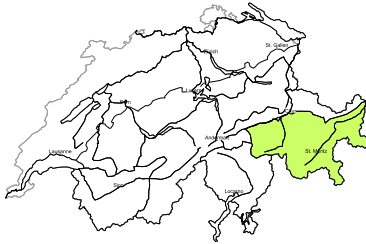
As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation moist snow slides are to be expected. This applies in particular in steep rocky terrain. Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

### Fresh snow and snow drifts

Above approximately 2600 m dry avalanches are possible. The fresh snow and snow drift accumulations of the last few days can still be released in some cases. In particular in western Ticino avalanches can in isolated cases reach medium size. Meticulous route selection is recommended.

**region E**

**Level 1, low**



**Snow drifts**

Fresh and older snow drift accumulations can still be released in some cases in high Alpine regions. They are mostly 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 new fallen snow will remain prone to triggering in the initial phase. As a result of northeasterly winds, snowdrift accumulations will form at high altitudes. Beneath the fresh fallen snow, the old snowpack is wet up to 2800 m, on north facing slopes up to 2200 m.

### Observed weather on Friday, 2.5.2014

Skies were heavily overcast and there was precipitation over widespread areas, most of which fell in the Upper Valais and in central Switzerland. The snowfall level wavered between 1400 m and 1800 m.

#### Fresh snow

- upper valleys of Visp, Simplon region, Maggia valley: 30 to 40 cm
- northern flank of the Alps from eastern Bernese Oberland to Liechtenstein, remaining Upper Valais, remaining western Ticino: 20 to 30 cm
- elsewhere, approximately 10 cm over widespread areas; in central Grisons and in the Upper Engadine, less

#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, in southeastern regions +2 °C; elsewhere, 0 °C

#### Wind

Light winds to begin with, intensifying to moderate strength over the course of the day, from northeasterly directions

### Weather forecast through Saturday, 3.5.2014

In northern regions, in the Valais and Grisons, skies will be heavily overcast and snowfall is anticipated. As a result of northeasterly winds, it will be cold. During the day, increasingly frequent sunny intervals will become evident in the Valais and in the high alpine regions of the Bernese Oberland. On the southern flank of the Alps, skies will be overcast during the night and then turn generally sunny during the course of the day.

#### Fresh snow

The snowfall level will drop down to about 1400 m in northern regions. The following amounts of fresh fallen snow are anticipated, most of which is expected to fall during the night:

- northern flank of the Alps from the Bernese Alps to Liechtenstein: 20 to 30 cm; from place to place as much as 40 cm
- Chablais, Vaud and Fribourg Alps: 10 to 20 cm
- remaining regions: less than 10 cm

#### Temperature

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

#### Wind

At moderate strength from the northeast

### Outlook through Monday, 5.5.2014

On both days it will be predominantly sunny. On Monday it will again turn warmer. The danger of dry avalanches is expected to diminish significantly. The hazards of wet avalanches are expected to increase over the course of each day.