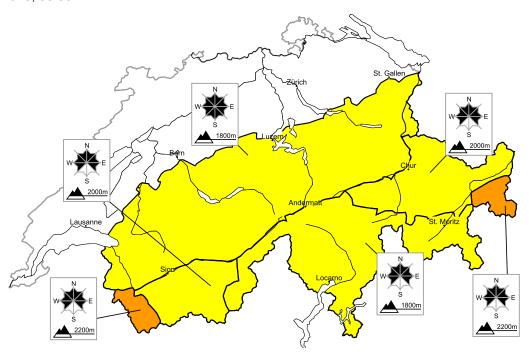
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Moderate avalanche danger will be encountered over a wide area

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Avalanche danger

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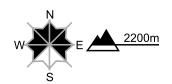


region A

Level 3, considerable

Snow drifts, old snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The snow drift accumulations of the last few days can be released by a single winter sport participant. Additionally in some places avalanches can penetrate deep layers and reach medium size. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in little used backcountry terrain. Backcountry touring and other offpiste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

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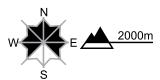
region B

Level 2, moderate



Snow drifts, old snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The snow drift accumulations of the last few days can still be released in some cases. Additionally in very isolated cases avalanches can penetrate deep layers and reach medium size. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in little used backcountry terrain. Backcountry touring and other offpiste activities call for careful route selection. Southern Upper Valais: In high Alpine regions avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and the danger is greater.

region C

Level 2, moderate



Old snow, snow drifts

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can be released in near-surface layers, even by small loads in isolated cases. Mostly they are only small. As the day progresses snow drift accumulations will form, especially adjacent to the ridge line and in pass areas. In places where the wind is stronger danger level 3 (considerable) may be reached. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

region D

Level 2, moderate



Snow drifts

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The snow drift accumulations of the last few days can still be released in some cases. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection. Southern Upper Valais: In high Alpine regions avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and the danger is greater.

Danger levels





Avalanche bulletin for Friday, 27 February 2015

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Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

As a consequence of moderate velocity winds, small-sized snowdrift accumulations which are prone to triggering have formed in terrain lying adjacent to ridgelines and pass areas more than anywhere else. The snowdrift accumulations which have formed over the last few days are also still triggerable to some extent.

More than anywhere else in southern Valais and in the inneralpine regions of Grisons, noticeably weak layers are evident, embedded deep down inside the snowpack. Particularly in these regions, avalanches can penetrate deep layers in some places. On the northern flank of the Alps, the snowpack is more favourable. On the southern flank of the Alps the snowpack is in general favourable.

Observed weather on Thursday, 26.2.2015

Following a night of predominantly clear skies it was sunny everywhere during the day.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, -5 °C

Wind

During the night, winds were blowing at moderate, in Ticino intermittently at strong velocity from northerly to northeasterly directions. During the day, the northerly to easterly winds were light.

Weather forecast through Friday, 27.2.2015

In the latter part of the night in northern and western regions, snowfall is expected to set in. During the day it will continue to snow in northern regions. The snowfall level is expected to descend down to low lying areas. In southern regions it will remain dry, but skies will be generally overcast over widespread areas.

Fresh snow

- · Northern flank of the Alps and Lower Valais: 5 to 15 cm
- Upper Valais, northern and central Grisons: approximately 5 cm
- · Ticino, southern Grisons: it will remain predominantly dry.

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, betwen -8 °C in western regions and -5 °C in eastern regions

Wind

- · In northern regions, winds will be blowing at moderate strength from southwesterly directions, subsequently shifting to northwesterly.
- In southern regions during the afternoon, moderate strength northerly winds are anticipated.

Outlook through Sunday, 1.3.2015

Saturday

On Friday night in northeastern regions, a small amount of snowfall is expected. During the day it will turn increasingly sunny from the west. Avalanche danger is expected to incrementally diminish.

Sunday

On Sunday, in the wake of increasingly strengthening westerly winds, precipitation is expected to set in from the west. The snowfall level will be at 1200 to 1500 m. In southern regions it will remain dry. The avalanche danger could well increase somewhat, particularly in western and in northern regions.

