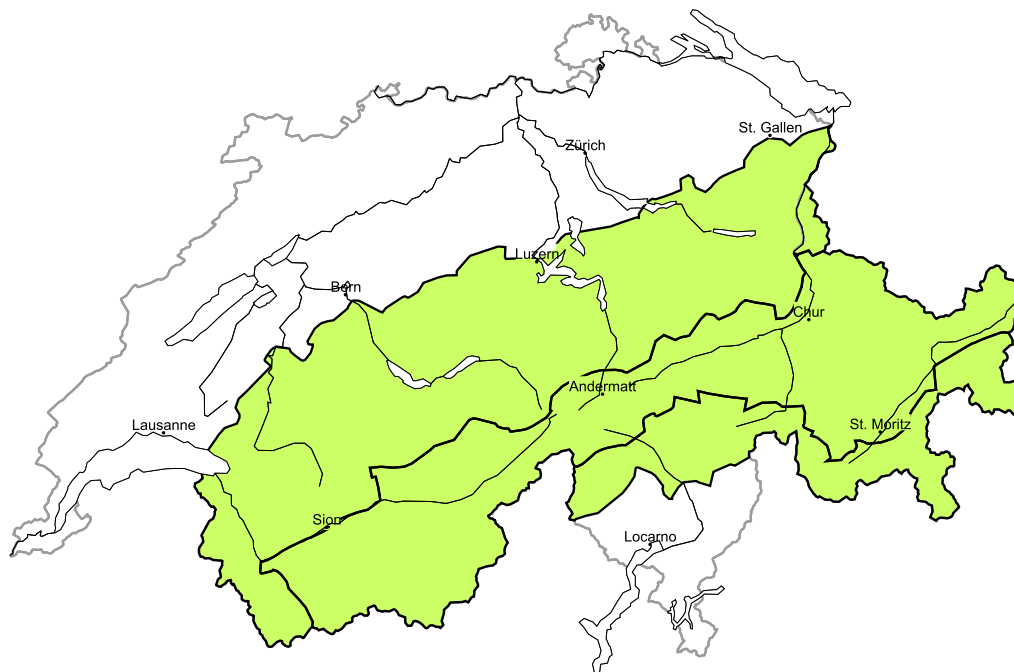


Low avalanche danger will prevail

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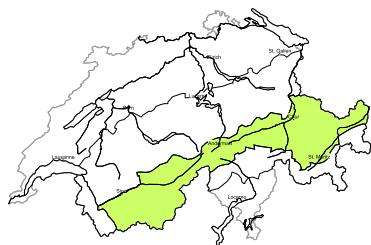
Avalanche danger

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region A

Level 1, low

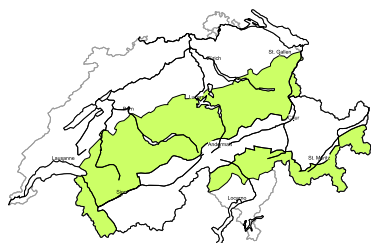


Old snow

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep north facing slopes and in gullies and bowls. At elevated altitudes the prevalence and size of the avalanche prone locations will increase. Very steep shady slopes are to be traversed by snow sport participants one at a time. 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 B

Level 1, low



Favourable situation

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

In the south and Engadine, less snow is lying than ever previously recorded at this time of year; in the other regions as well, the snow quantities are well below average.

In areas that are protected from the wind, the snowpack is highly faceted and becoming increasingly loosely packed in many places. Avalanche prone locations are very rare. They are to be found in particular on very steep north facing slopes in gullies and bowls, and therefore most often in the few places where off-piste winter sport is viable.

On south facing slopes a crust will form during the mostly clear night. Very steep south facing slopes are bare up to high altitudes, even as high as approximately 3000 m on the main Alpine ridge and to the south.

Observed weather on Tuesday, 29.12.2015

At first the weather was sunny everywhere. In the far west cloud quickly built up in the afternoon.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m: between +2 °C in the west and +7 °C in the east, cooling increasingly from the west towards the evening

Wind

- Chablais, Vaud and Fribourg Alps: as the day progressed, moderate to strong from the southwest
- Otherwise light from the south

Weather forecast through Wednesday, 30.12.2015

The weather in the mountains will be mostly sunny.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m: between +5 °C in the north and 0 °C in the south

Wind

Light from the south

Outlook through Friday, 1.1.2016

Thursday

On New Year's Eve in the morning there will be some final bright spells in the east. Otherwise it will be very cloudy in the north and there will be varying amounts of cloud in the south. In the western part of the northern flank of the Alps and in western Lower Valais, a little snow will fall above approximately 1500 m. The avalanche danger will not change.

Friday

During the night on New Year's Eve and in the morning of New Year's Day some snow will fall everywhere except in the south. The snowfall level will drop to approximately 900 m. During the day the weather will become increasingly sunny from the west. The avalanche danger will increase slightly in the north.