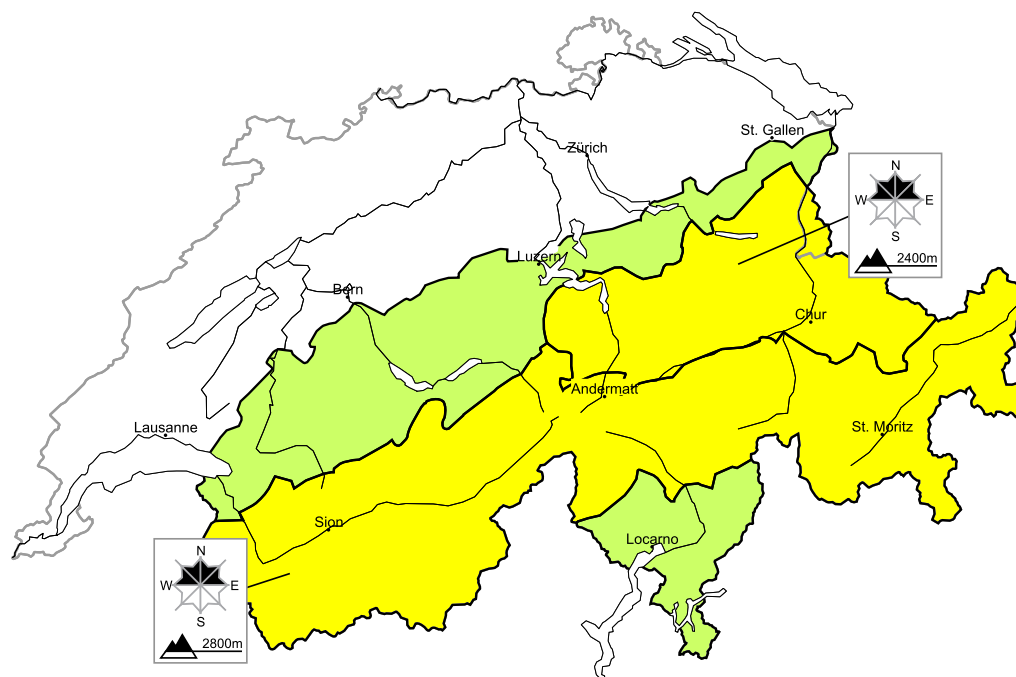


A generally favourable avalanche situation will prevail. Increase in danger of moist and wet avalanches as the day progresses

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Avalanche danger

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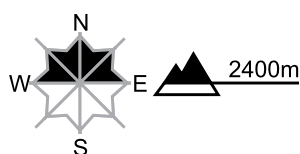
region A

Level 2, moderate



Snow drifts

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The snow drift accumulations of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. They are covered with fresh snow in some cases and therefore difficult to recognise. The number and size of avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude. Ski touring calls for careful route selection.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

As the day progresses mostly small moist snow slides and avalanches are to be expected.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 consider.

4 high

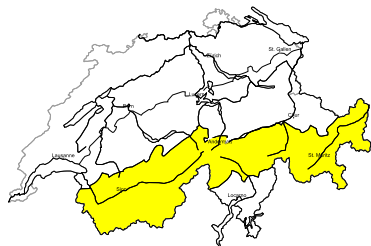
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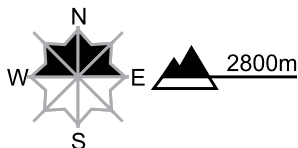
region B

Level 2, moderate



Snow drifts

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

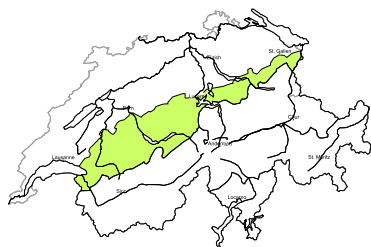
The snow drift accumulations of the last few days represent the main danger. They are mostly small but can in some cases be released easily. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. The number and size of avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude. Ski touring calls for careful route selection.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

As the day progresses mostly small moist snow slides and avalanches are to be expected.

region C

Level 1, low



Snow drifts

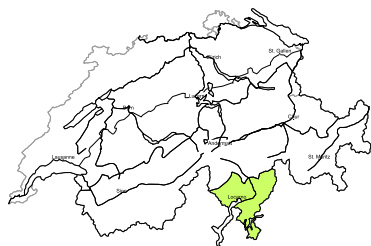
The somewhat older snow drift accumulations are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in extreme terrain. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in particular in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

As the day progresses individual moist snow slides and avalanches are to be expected.

region D

Level 1, low



Favourable situation

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found especially in extremely steep terrain. 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 fresh fallen snow from the last few days is continuing to settle and consolidate quite rapidly up to high altitudes. Older snowdrift accumulations are small-sized for the most part, nonetheless are still prone to triggering from place to place, on north-facing slopes in high alpine regions more than anywhere else.

More deeply embedded layers inside the snow cover are thoroughly wet up to approximately 2500 m on north-facing slopes, up to approximately 3000 m on steep, south-facing slopes. On Thursday and Friday, as a result of solar radiation and significantly higher temperatures, moist, superficial sluffs and avalanches can be expected.

Observed weather on Wednesday, 4.5.2016

In the central and eastern sectors of the northern flank of the Alps, as well as in northern Grisons, there was snowfall until the early morning hours. During the daytime, skies gradually cleared. In the remaining regions of Switzerland it was predominantly sunny, following a night of clear skies by and large.

Fresh snow

Between Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning the following amounts of new fallen snow were registered above 1800 m:

- from the Urner Alps into the Alpstein region: 15 to 30 cm;
- in the remaining regions north of an imaginary Rhine-Rhone line not including the Prealps, as well as in northern Grisons: 5 to 15 cm;
- southwards therefrom and in the Prealps: less.

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between -3 °C in eastern regions and +5 °C in southern regions.

Wind

Winds will be blowing from northerly directions, at moderate to strong velocity in the central sector of the Main Alpine Ridge and southwards therefrom during the night; at light to moderate strength in the remaining regions of Switzerland as well as during the daytime.

Weather forecast through Friday, 6.5.2016

On Thursday and on Friday it will be predominantly sunny, following nights of for the most part clear skies. In southern regions more than anywhere else, convective cloud build-up is anticipated. On Friday afternoon in those regions, isolated showers are possible.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

Zero-degree level in northern regions will be at 3000 m, in southern regions at 2700 m.

Wind

Winds will be blowing from southerly directions at light strength, intermittently intensifying to moderate velocity.

Outlook through Sunday, 8.5.2016

On Saturday and on Sunday in northern regions it will be predominantly sunny, in southern regions only partly so. During the afternoon of each day, isolated showers are possible. It will remain mild. The hazards of dry-snow avalanches are expected to decrease. The hazards of wet-snow avalanches continue to be subject to a daytime danger cycle.