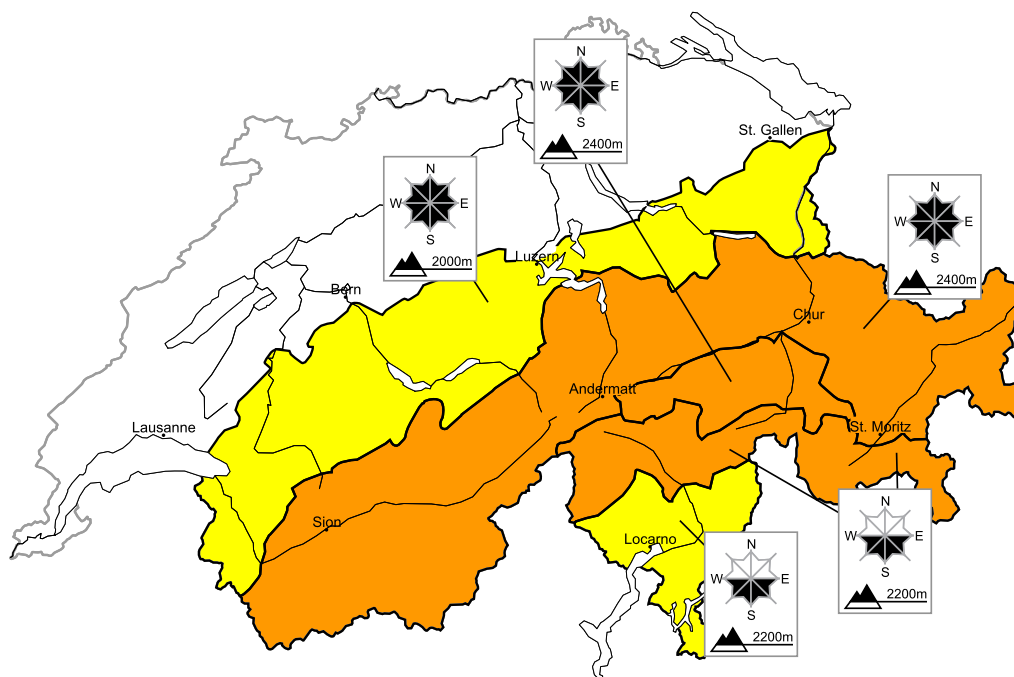


# At elevated altitudes a considerable avalanche danger will still be encountered

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## Avalanche danger

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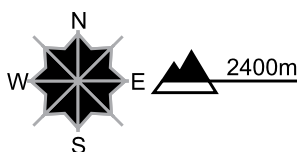
### region A

### Level 3, considerable



#### Wind slabs, old snow

#### Avalanche prone locations

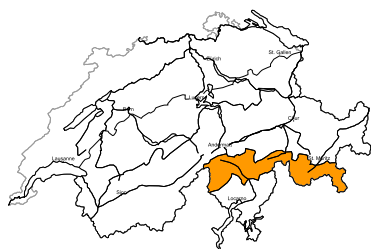


#### Danger description

The fresh snow and wind slabs of the last two days are prone to triggering at elevated altitudes. Single persons can release avalanches. These can in isolated cases be triggered in the old snowpack and reach large size. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and caution.

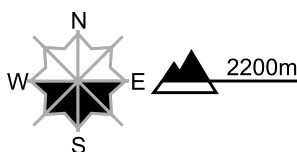
### region B

### Level 3, considerable



#### Wind slabs

#### Avalanche prone locations

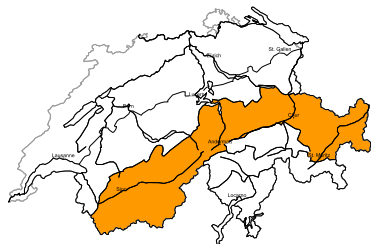


#### Danger description

The somewhat older wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases. The wind slabs are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. They are to be avoided in particular in very steep terrain. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

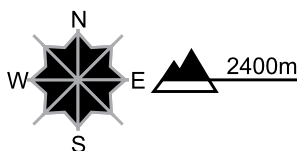
## region C

## Level 3, considerable



## Fresh snow

## Avalanche prone locations



## Danger description

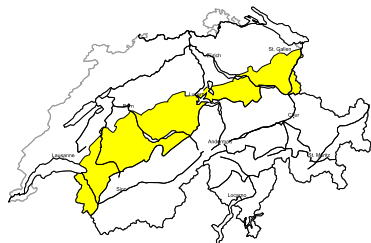
The fresh snow and wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering at elevated altitudes. Single persons can release avalanches. The avalanche prone locations are difficult to recognise. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for defensive route selection.

## Gliding avalanches

In particular on steep south facing slopes individual small and medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible below approximately 2200 m.

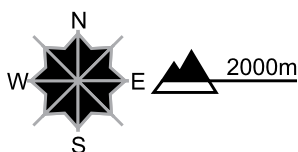
## region D

## Level 2, moderate



## Wind slabs

## Avalanche prone locations



## Danger description

Somewhat older wind slabs are to be found in particular at high altitude. These are in some cases prone to triggering. The number and size of avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude. The wind slabs are to be avoided especially in very steep terrain. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised as well in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

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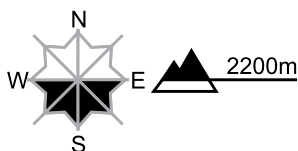
## region E

## Level 2, moderate



## Wind slabs

## Avalanche prone locations



## Danger description

Somewhat older wind slabs represent the main danger. These are mostly small. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised as well in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

## Snowpack and weather

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### Snowpack

Above 2000 m, the quantities of snow lying on the ground throughout the Swiss Alps are above the average for Christmas. Below 2000 m in contrast, the snowpack is average only in parts of Grisons; everywhere else it is shallower than is usual at Christmas. After the continuous rain in the Jura, barely any snow is to be found for winter sports.

As a consequence of the heavy rain on Sunday night, the snowpack has become moist on the surface up to approximately 2400 m, and thoroughly wet below approximately 2000 to 2200 m, everywhere except in the far south. Not until daytime on Monday was snow still falling down to approximately 1300 m. As a consequence of the falling temperature, the snowpack has bonded very well at intermediate altitudes. At high altitudes a lot of drifted snow is lying; it remains prone to triggering in some cases.

### Observed weather on Tuesday, 25.12.2018

After a cold night, Christmas Day was sunny.

#### Fresh snow

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#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m: between +1 °C in the west and -5 °C in the east

#### Wind

The wind direction was northerly:

- Strong during the night from the Gotthard region via northern Ticino to Upper Engadine
- Elsewhere mostly light to moderate, but locally strong on the northern Alpine ridge at elevated altitudes

### Weather forecast through Wednesday, 26.12.2018

Boxing Day will be sunny and mild during the daytime in the mountains.

#### Fresh snow

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#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m: between a mild +5 °C in the west and +2 °C in the east

#### Wind

In the high Alpine regions and the south, moderate from the north, otherwise mostly light

### Outlook through Friday, 28.12.2018

On Thursday it will be mostly sunny in the mountains and, with a zero degree level of approximately 3000 m, very mild. In the afternoon high-altitude cloudbanks will build up from the northwest. As a consequence of sometimes dense high and medium-high cloudbanks, Friday will be only partly sunny and a little less mild. The avalanche danger will decrease.