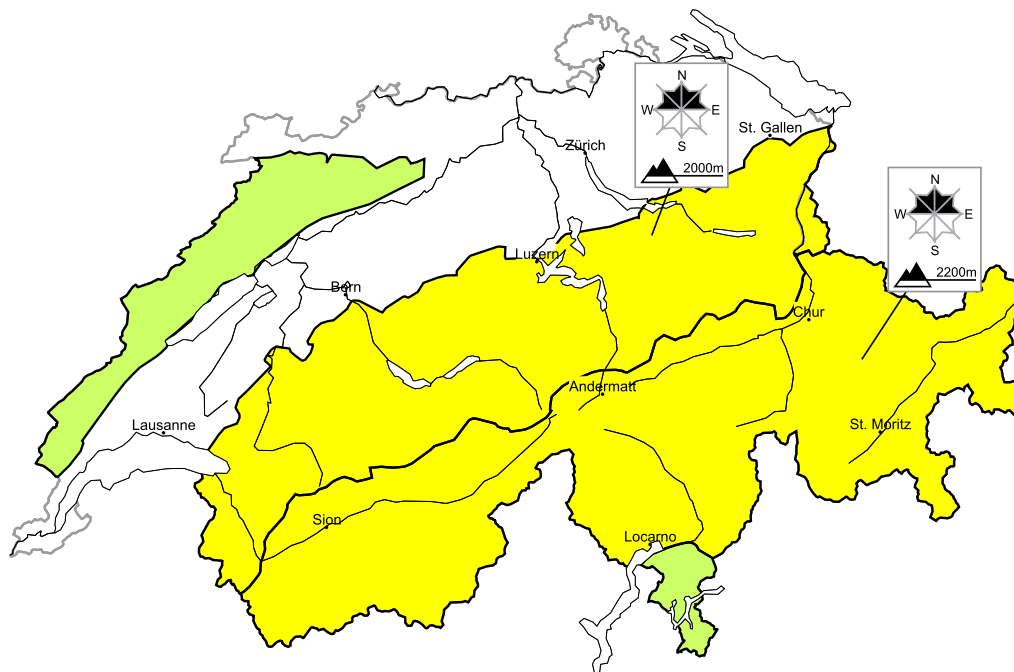


A generally favourable avalanche situation will prevail

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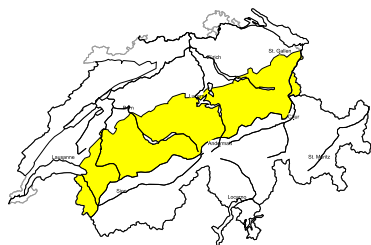
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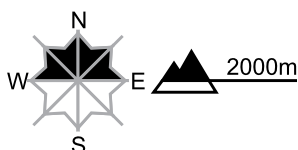
region A

Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The mostly small wind slabs of Wednesday are in some cases still prone to triggering. Especially at elevated altitudes and in the western Prealps avalanche prone locations are more prevalent. Additionally in some places avalanches can be released in near-surface layers. Avalanches can reach medium size in isolated cases. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation more frequent gliding avalanches and wet snow slides are to be expected as the day progresses. This applies especially on very steep east, south and west facing slopes below approximately 2800 m.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

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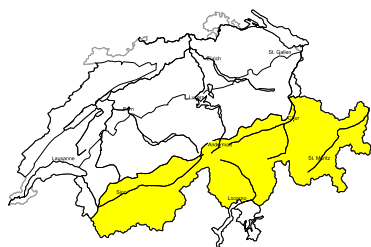
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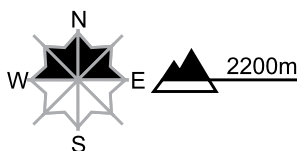
region B

Level 2, moderate



Dry avalanches

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

In some places avalanches can be released in near-surface layers. This applies in particular on very steep slopes.

As a consequence of a moderate easterly wind, small wind slabs formed during the night in some localities. This applies in particular adjacent to ridgelines at elevated altitudes.

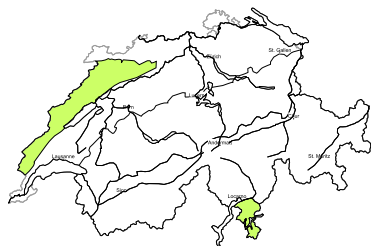
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region C

Level 1, low



Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Even a snow slide can sweep snow sport participants along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

As a consequence of moderate to strong-velocity bise wind, predominantly small-sized snowdrift accumulations have been generated in the western part of the Prealps and in general at high altitudes. In addition, the loosely-bonded fresh snow from Monday can still be triggered on north-facing slopes.

The snowpack structuring is favourable over widespread areas. Particularly in areas where the snow is shallow on steep, north-facing slopes above approximately 2000 m, the old snow is to some extent expansively metamorphosed (faceted) in places, as well as loosely-bonded. Avalanche triggerings in these weakened layers have not been reported, however. During the night on east-facing, south-facing and west-facing slopes, a crust will form. As a result of solar radiation and daytime warming, wet-snow and glide-snow avalanches are possible on sunny slopes during the course of the day.

Observed weather on Wednesday, 20.03.2019

Following a night of clear skies, it was sunny during the daytime.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between 0 °C in the western regions and -4 °C in the eastern regions.

Wind

- In the central and eastern sectors of the Main Alpine Ridge, winds were blowing at moderate velocity from northerly directions;
- in the Jura region and in the Prealps, a moderate to strong-velocity bise wind was blowing;
- in the other regions of Switzerland, winds were light.

Weather forecast through Thursday, 21.03.2019

Following a night of clear skies, it will be sunny during the daytime.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +6 °C in the northern regions and +2 °C in the southern regions.

Wind

Winds during the nighttime hours will be blowing at moderate strength from easterly directions, during the daytime blowing predominantly at light strength.

Outlook through Saturday, 23.03.2019

On Friday and on Saturday, it will be sunny and mild.

The danger of dry-snow avalanches is expected to diminish further. The danger of wet-snow and glide-snow avalanches is expected to increase during the course of each day.