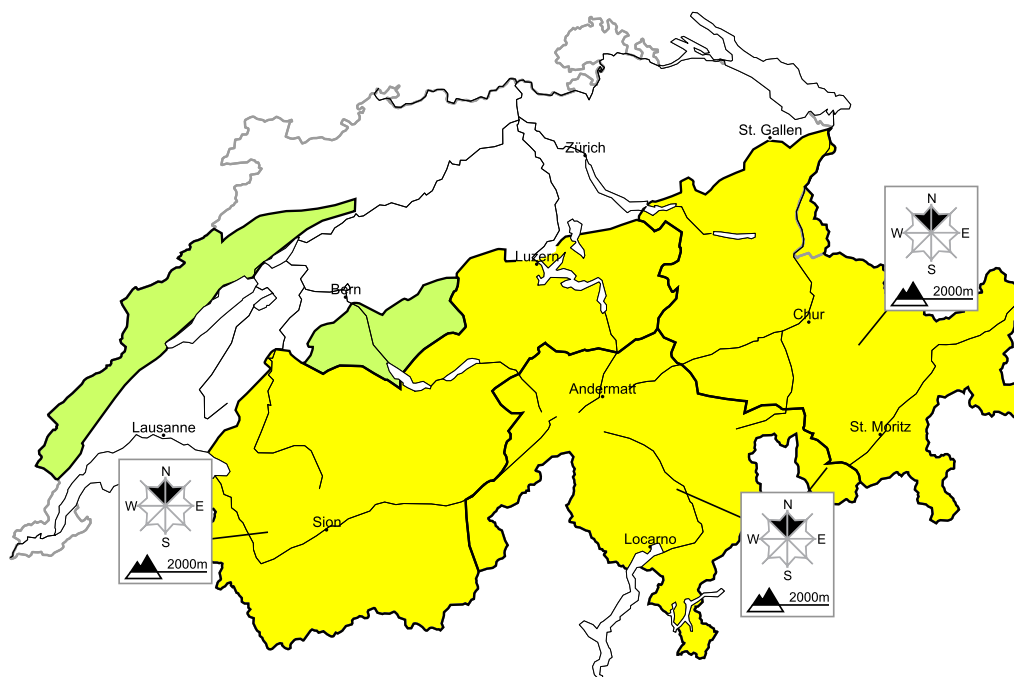


# Dry and wet avalanches. Moderate avalanche danger will be encountered over a wide area

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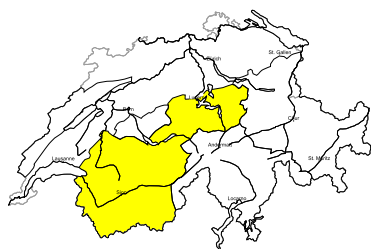
## Avalanche danger

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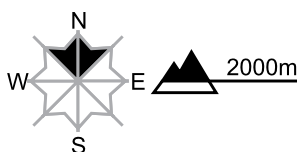
region A

Level 2, moderate



### Old snow

#### Avalanche prone locations



#### Danger description

Avalanches can be released in near-surface layers. They can reach dangerously large size. The avalanche prone locations are rather rare but are barely recognisable. Caution is to be exercised in particular in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. Careful route selection and spacing between individuals are recommended.

### Gliding avalanches, Wet avalanches as day progresses

As the day progresses wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes below approximately 2500 m as well as on very steep north facing slopes below approximately 2000 m.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 consider.

4 high

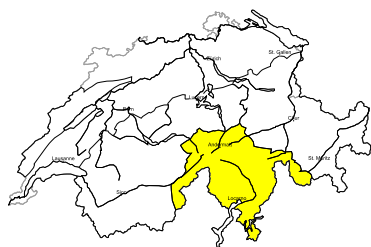
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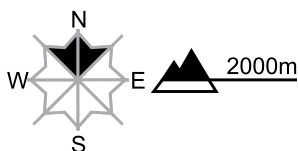
**region B**

**Level 2, moderate**



**Old snow**

**Avalanche prone locations**



**Danger description**

Avalanches can be released in near-surface layers, in particular by large additional loads. The avalanche prone locations are rather rare but are barely recognisable. Very steep slopes are to be traversed by snow sport participants one at a time.

**Gliding avalanches, Wet avalanches as day progresses**

As the day progresses wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes below approximately 2500 m as well as on very steep north facing slopes below approximately 2000 m.

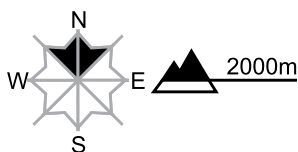
**region C**

**Level 2, moderate**



**Old snow**

**Avalanche prone locations**



**Danger description**

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**Wet avalanches as day progresses, gliding avalanches**

As the day progresses individual wet and gliding avalanches are possible.

**region D**

**Level 1, low**



On very steep slopes individual gliding avalanches and wet snow slides are possible. Mostly these are small. 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 very large quantities of fresh snow that fell in the south and Central Switzerland on Wednesday and Thursday have stabilised well. In some instances on north facing slopes that are protected from the wind, this snow is lying on an old snow surface that is soft and faceted in some places. Here, in particular where the snow cover is shallow and in the regions where relatively small quantities of fresh snow have fallen, isolated avalanches can still be released at the transition between the fresh and the old snow. Snow drift accumulations that formed on Saturday as a consequence of the south foehn can now be released only in some places.

In shady places up to areas close to the tree line, the snowpack is becoming increasingly wet and therefore weaker. The snowpack has been moist all the way through up to altitude zones around 2200 m on east and west facing slopes for some time, and up to the high Alpine regions on south facing slopes.

### Observed weather on Monday, 08.04.2019

During Sunday night the skies were mostly overcast in the north and mostly clear in the south. During the day it was mostly sunny in the south and far west, but predominantly very cloudy elsewhere.

#### Fresh snow

With the snowfall level reaching down to approximately 1500 m, a few centimetres fell in showers in some localities.

#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m: from -2 °C in the west to 0 °C in the east and 2 °C in the south

#### Wind

Mostly light from the south

### Weather forecast through Tuesday, 09.04.2019

The night will be partly clear in the west and south, and overcast in the east. During the day it will be mostly sunny in the west and south. It will initially remain cloudy in the east before becoming partly sunny there in the afternoon. During the night a little precipitation will fall in the east, and during the day there could be showers in some localities.

#### Fresh snow

The snowfall level will be approximately 1600 m. The following amounts of snow will fall:

- Eastern part of the northern flank of the Alps and most parts of Grisons: 5 to 10 cm, but up to 20 cm in the extreme east of Lower Engadine
- Elsewhere: smaller amounts or none

#### Temperature

At midday at 2000 m: about 0 °C

#### Wind

Mostly light from the south

### Outlook through Thursday, 11.04.2019

Night skies are expected to be mostly clear only on Tuesday night in the north and west. Otherwise there will be variable to dense cloud cover with brief bright intervals and showers. The snowfall level will be approximately 1500 m. The wind will initially remain light. The northerly wind will strengthen significantly as Thursday approaches.

The danger of dry avalanches may increase a little in the east, but is more likely to decrease elsewhere. The danger of wet snow and gliding avalanches will vary slightly during the day.