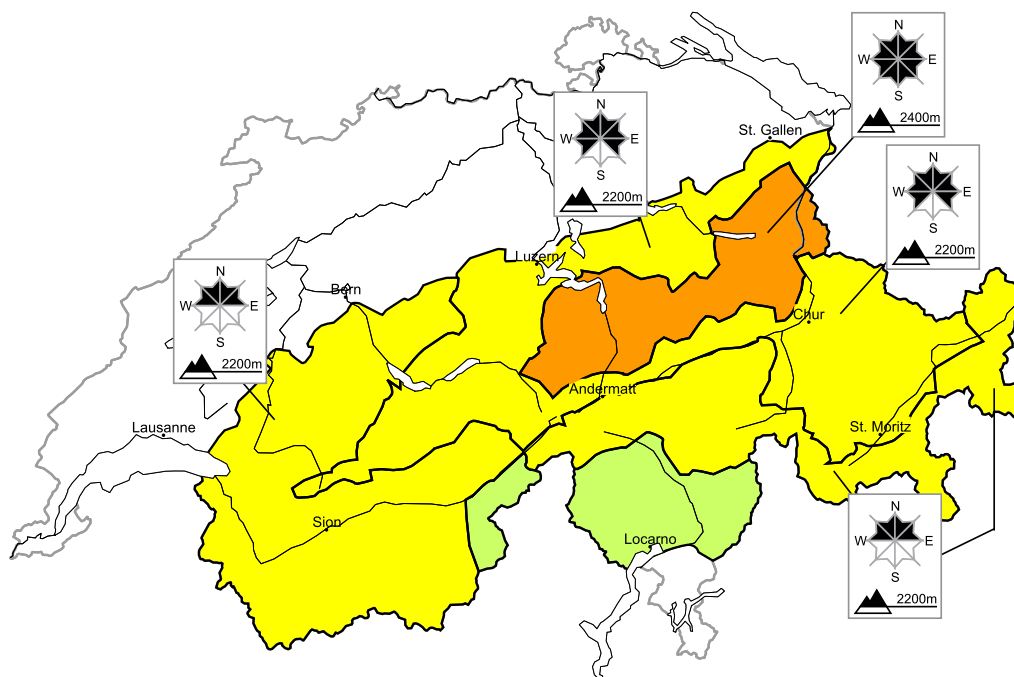


In the north a considerable avalanche danger will be encountered in some regions

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Avalanche danger

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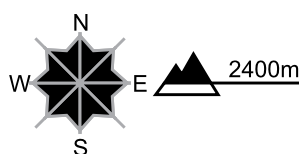
region A

Level 3, considerable



Fresh snow and snow drifts

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The fresh snow and wind slabs of the weekend remain in some cases prone to triggering. Single persons can release avalanches. These can in isolated cases reach large size.

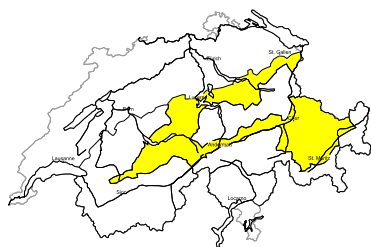
Ski touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation numerous moist snow slides and avalanches are to be expected. This applies in all aspects. Backcountry tours and off-piste skiing should be concluded timely.

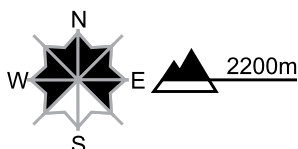
region B

Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

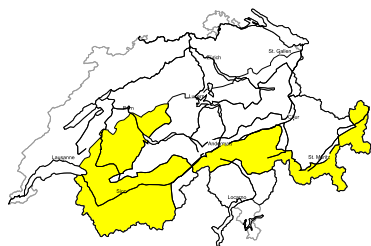
The wind slabs of the weekend are in individual cases still prone to triggering. Avalanches can in some cases reach medium size. The prevalence of avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude. Ski touring calls for careful route selection. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised as well in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

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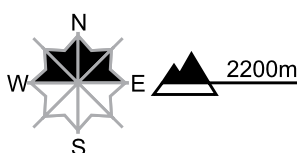
region C

Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

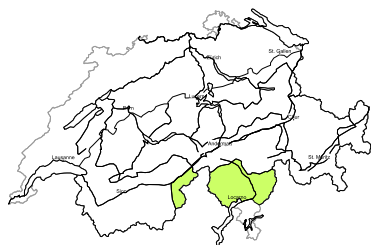
The wind slabs of the weekend are in individual cases still prone to triggering. Avalanches can in isolated cases reach medium size. The prevalence of avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude. Careful route selection is recommended. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised as well in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual wet avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep west, south and east facing slopes below approximately 2400 m. Avalanches can reach medium size.

region D

Level 1, low



Wind slabs

The small wind slabs of the weekend are in individual cases still prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in terrain where there is a danger of falling.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

Fresh snow and a strong to storm force northerly wind gave rise to sometimes extensive snow drift accumulations at the weekend, in particular in the north. They are now becoming increasingly stable.

Solar radiation is expected to trigger moist snow slides in the fresh snow on Tuesday, in particular in the east. The danger of wet snow avalanches will increase a little in all regions as the day progresses.

The increase in the avalanche danger with altitude is currently substantial. Very little data is available, however, so that the avalanche bulletin has only limited validity for the high Alpine regions. For this reason, the local conditions should be investigated with particular care.

Observed weather on Monday, 06.05.2019

In the west and south the night skies were mostly clear, and it was quite sunny during the day. In the east it was cloudy and a little more snow fell during the night, even at low altitudes. Despite some bright intervals, it was mostly cloudy during the day.

Fresh snow

The following amounts of snow fell above approximately 1600 m in the period from Saturday morning until Monday morning:

- Eastern Bernese Alps, central part of the northern flank of the Alps excluding the Gotthard region, eastern part of the northern flank of the Alps: 40 to 60 cm, but more in some localities
- Rest of the northern flank of the Alps, western Lower Valais, northern Grisons, eastern regions of central Grisons: 20 to 40 cm
- Rest of Grisons excluding Moesano, rest of Lower Valais: 10 to 20 cm
- Upper Valais, Ticino, Moesano: smaller amounts or none

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m: between -3 °C in the west and south, and -7 °C in the east

Wind

- During the night in northern Upper Valais, the Gotthard region and Grisons, strong, otherwise light to moderate, from the north
- Easing during the day

Weather forecast through Tuesday, 07.05.2019

After a mostly clear night it will be frequently sunny during the day despite some high-altitude cloudbanks passing through.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m: about +1 °C

Wind

- During the night on the main Alpine ridge, remaining moderate from the north at first, otherwise light
- Thereafter veering westerly, and freshening as the day progresses

Outlook through Thursday, 09.05.2019

Wednesday

It will be mostly very cloudy, and in the west and south snow will fall above 2000 m. The danger of dry avalanches will increase there. The northeast will remain mostly dry as a consequence of the foehn wind, and the avalanche danger will change very little.

Thursday

The north will be mostly cloudy and there will be a strong westerly wind and some snow above approximately 1800 m. The danger of dry avalanches will increase a little.

The south will be dry and become increasingly sunny as the day progresses. The danger of dry avalanches will decrease.