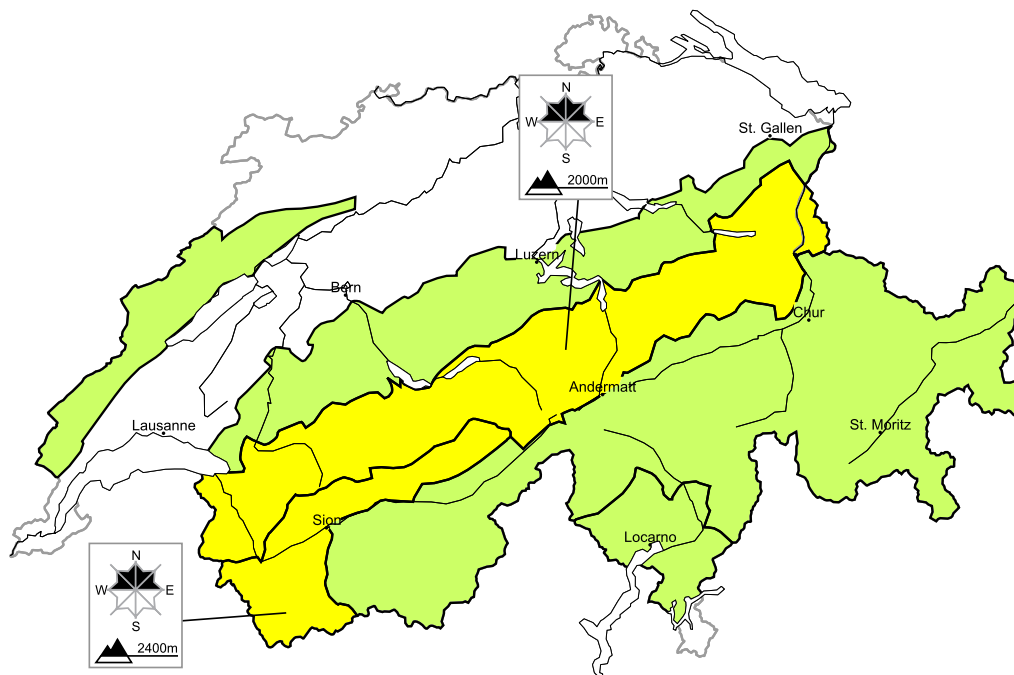


Moderate avalanche danger will be encountered in some regions. Wind slabs require caution

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Avalanche danger

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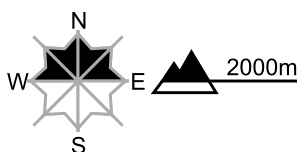
region A

Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The somewhat older wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack on wind-protected shady slopes. Even single winter sport participants can release avalanches in isolated cases, including medium-sized ones. The clearly visible wind slabs are to be avoided especially in terrain where there is a danger of falling.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

3 consider.

4 high

5 very high



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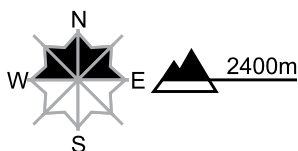
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Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations



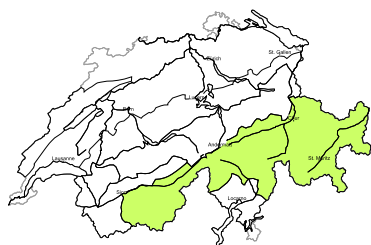
Danger description

The somewhat older wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack on wind-protected shady slopes. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant, but they will be small in most cases. The clearly visible wind slabs are to be avoided especially in terrain where there is a danger of falling.

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.

region C

Level 1, low

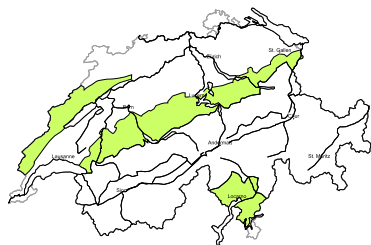


Wind slabs

In the last few days small wind slabs formed in some localities. These are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack on wind-protected shady slopes. Avalanches can in isolated cases be released by people, but they will be small in most cases. Even a small avalanche can sweep snow sport participants along and give rise to falls. 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.

region D

Level 1, low



No distinct avalanche problem

Very isolated avalanche prone locations are to be found especially in extremely steep terrain. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

Older snowdrift accumulations lie deposited on wind-protected, shady slopes, in some places atop a soft, weak layer of expansively metamorphosed (faceted) snow crystals. Particularly there, the drifted masses are still prone to triggering from place to place.

The below-average snowpack for this juncture of the season is becoming expansively metamorphosed (faceted) to an increasing degree. On wind-protected slopes where the snow is shallow, as well as in the inneralpine regions of the Valais and Grisons, the snowpack is frequently loosely-packed all the way to the ground. Stability tests broke away snow masses in surface-near layers of snow through medium additional loading in some places, but for the most part no fractures could be triggered.

Although there are numerous glide cracks open in the snowpack surface, only very isolated cases of gliding avalanches have been registered in the last few days.

Observed weather on Friday, 24.01.2020

Following a night of largely clear skies, it was predominantly sunny to start with in the mountains. During the course of the day, cloud cover moved in from the southwest. During the afternoon, a small amount of snowfall was registered in the Valais sector of the Main Alpine Ridge.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, in the northern regions +3 °C; and in the western and southern regions +1 °C.

Wind

During the night, winds at high altitudes were blowing at moderate strength in some places, from southerly directions.

Weather forecast through Saturday, 25.01.2020

It is expected to be quite sunny in the mountains, in spite of intermittent cloud cover at high altitudes. In the southern regions, skies are expected to be heavily overcast.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, -2 °C.

Wind

Winds will be light.

Outlook through Monday, 27.01.2020

.On Sunday in the southern regions, it will be rather sunny. In the other regions of Switzerland, skies will be predominantly overcast. From region to region, a small amount of fresh snow is anticipated above 1200 m.

On Monday, it will be only partly sunny and a small amount of precipitation is anticipated, particularly in the western part of Lower Valais, on the northern flank of the Alps and in the Jura region.

The danger of dry-snow avalanches is not expected to change significantly.