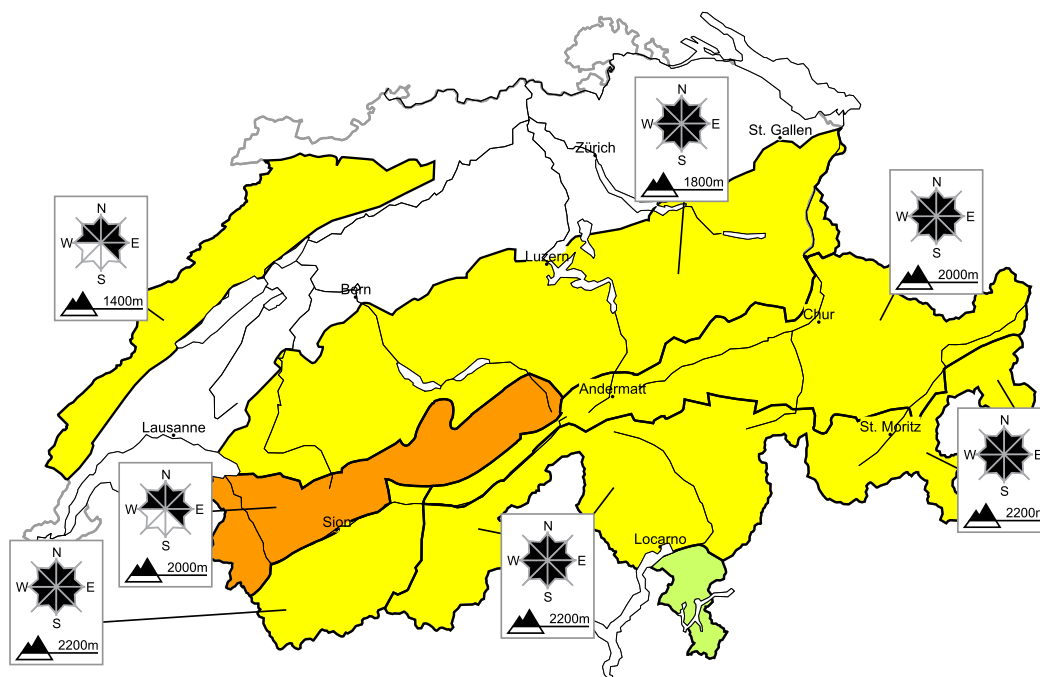


In the west a considerable avalanche danger will be encountered in some regions

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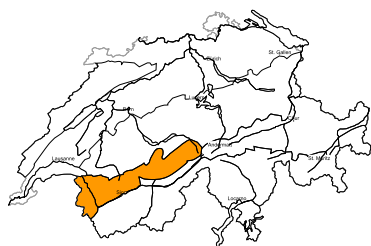
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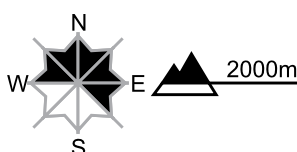
region A

Level 3, considerable



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



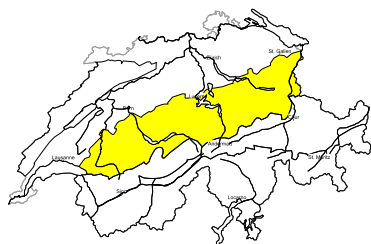
Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant and reach large size in isolated cases.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

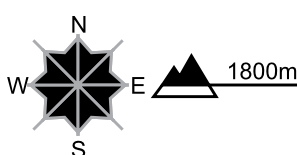
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Level 2, moderate



New snow and wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

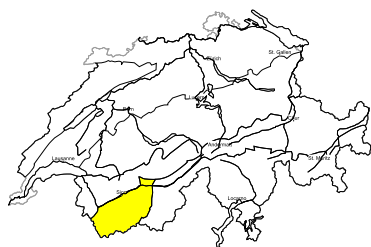
The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering.

In addition further wind slabs will form. The avalanche danger will increase during the day.

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

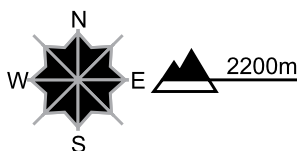
region C

Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs, old snow

Avalanche prone locations



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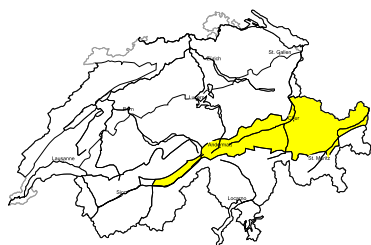
The wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. In addition further wind slabs will form. The avalanche danger will increase during the day.

Avalanches can in very isolated cases be released in the old snowpack also. These can reach large size. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes.

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

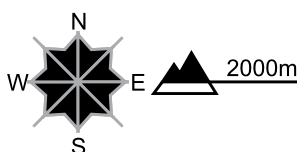
region D

Level 2, moderate



New snow and wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations

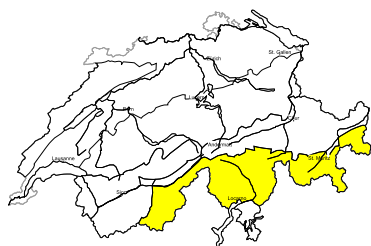


Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs of last week are in some cases still prone to triggering. As a consequence of new snow and wind, mostly small wind slabs will form in the course of the day. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant. They can reach medium size. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

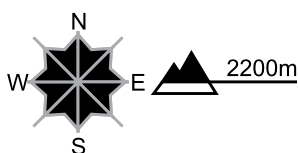
region E

Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations



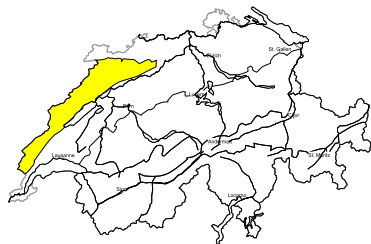
Danger description

The fresh and older wind slabs represent the main danger. They are mostly rather small but in some cases prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain. At elevated altitudes the prevalence and size of the avalanche prone locations will increase.

Careful route selection is advisable.

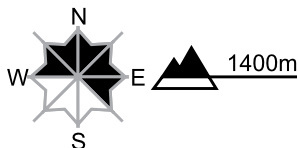
region F

Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations

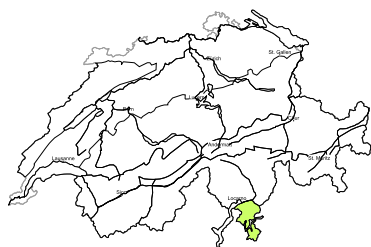


Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in very steep terrain. Mostly avalanches are rather 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.

region G

Level 1, low



No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Mostly avalanches are small. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

As a consequence of fresh fallen snow and westerly winds, snowdrift accumulations which are prone to triggering are being generated in the western and the northern regions more than anywhere else. The layers of fresh snow and freshly formed drifts from last week are settling and stabilising to an increasing degree. Particularly in very steep shady slopes they are partly still prone to triggering.

More deeply embedded inside the snow cover, particularly in the inneralpine regions on wind-protected slopes above approximately 2400 m, there are weak layers evident from place to place.

Observed weather on Sunday, 08.03.2020

It was predominantly sunny during the afternoon, accompanied by cloudbanks.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, +2 °C in the western regions and -2 °C in the eastern and the southern regions.

Wind

Winds were blowing at light to moderate strength from northerly directions; shifting to westerly in the northern regions during the afternoon and intensifying somewhat.

Weather forecast through Monday, 09.03.2020

Night skies will be overcast and snowfall will set in over widespread areas from the northwest. During the daytime on Monday skies will be predominantly overcast in the northern regions, accompanied by snowfall in the form of showers. The snowfall level is expected to descend from 1200 down to 800 m. In the southern regions skies will brighten up increasingly during the course of the day.

Fresh snow

Between Sunday evening and Monday afternoon:

- furthestmost western part of Lower Valais, western sector of the northern flank of the Alps: 15 to 30 cm
- Jura region, remaining parts of Lower Valais and of the northern flank of the Alps, northern Upper Valais, Prättigau, Silvretta: 10 to 15 cm
- southern part of Upper Valais, remaining parts of Grisons not including Moesano: 5 to 10 cm
- central sector of the southern flank of the Alps: only a few centimetres

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, -6 °C in the northern regions and -4 °C in the southern regions.

Wind

- during the night in the northern and western regions, winds will be blowing at moderate to strong velocity, in the other regions at light to moderate strength, from westerly directions
- during the daytime in the high alpine regions as well as in the south, blowing at moderate to strong velocity from northerly to northwesterly directions

Outlook through Wednesday, 11.03.2020

Tuesday

Following an intermission in this period of precipitation on Monday night, precipitation is expected to set in once again in the early morning hours of Tuesday, accompanied by strong-velocity northwesterly winds. The amounts of precipitation anticipated are as yet uncertain. In the classic barrier cloud regions on the northern flank of the Alps, approximately 40 mm of precipitation is possible. In the northern regions, the snowfall level will ascend during the course of the day to 2200 to 2400 m; in the inneralpine and the southern regions up to nearly 2000 m.

The danger of dry-snow and wet-snow avalanches is expected to increase during the course of the day, significantly so in the northern regions. Particularly in the major areas of precipitation along the northern flank of the Alps, increasingly frequent naturally triggered dry-snow and wet-snow avalanches can be expected. In the southern regions, avalanche danger levels are not expected to change significantly.

Wednesday

On Tuesday night in the northern and the eastern regions, a small amount of precipitation is expected. During the daytime on Wednesday it will be partly sunny in the Jura region, predominantly so in the Alps. It will remain mild. Avalanche danger levels will decrease. Gliding avalanches will continue to be possible.