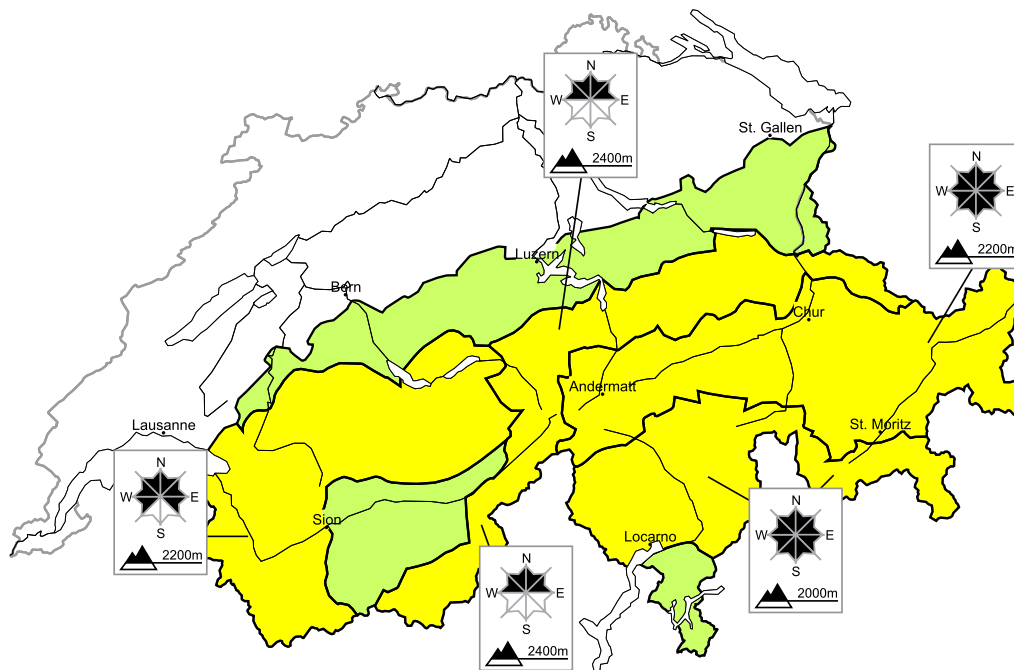
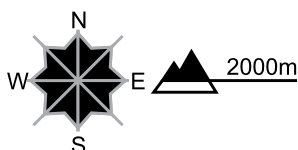


Moderate avalanche danger will be encountered over a wide area

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Avalanche danger

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**region A****Level 2, moderate****Wind slabs****Avalanche prone locations****Danger description**

Wind slabs can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant. Medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large avalanches are possible. The wind slabs are covered with new snow in some cases and therefore difficult to recognise. In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and the danger is slightly greater. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

As a consequence of solar radiation moist snow slides and avalanches are to be expected.

Danger levels

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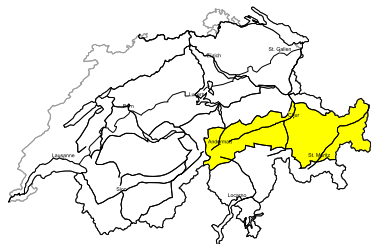
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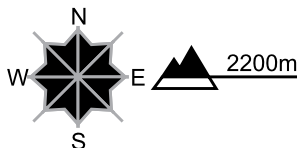
region B

Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

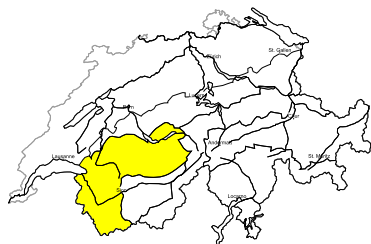
The wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. They are covered with new snow in some cases and therefore difficult to recognise. In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and the danger is slightly greater. Avalanches can reach medium size. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

As a consequence of solar radiation moist snow slides and avalanches are to be expected.

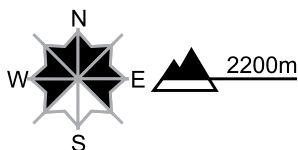
region C

Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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Wet avalanches as day progresses

As a consequence of solar radiation individual moist snow slides and avalanches are to be expected.

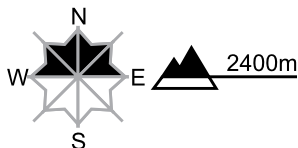
region D

Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

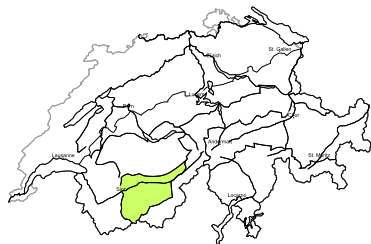
The wind slabs of the last few days are in individual cases still prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain. Mostly avalanches are small. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

As a consequence of solar radiation moist snow slides and avalanches are possible.

region E

Level 1, low



Wind slabs

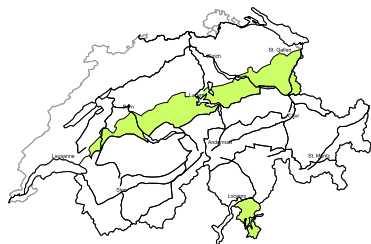
The somewhat older wind slabs are mostly small but can be released in isolated cases. In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are a little more prevalent. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised as well in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

As a consequence of solar radiation individual moist snow slides are possible.

region F

Level 1, low



Dry avalanches: no distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular on wind-loaded slopes above approximately 1800 m. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

As a consequence of solar radiation individual moist snow slides are possible.



Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The snowdrift accumulations generated over the last few days are still triggerable in some places. They are blanketed over with fresh snow in many places and thus, difficult to recognize. Fractures in more deeply embedded layers of the snowpack are currently not likely.

As a result of solar radiation, loose-snow avalanches and moist-snow slides are possible in the fresh fallen snow.

Observed weather on Thursday, 15.04.2021

Nocturnal skies in the western regions were partly clear, in the southern and eastern regions overcast. In the southern regions in particular, there was snowfall down to low lying areas. During the daytime hours in the western regions, and to some extent in the southern and eastern regions, skies were predominantly overcast. During the course of the day there were showers with some snowfall down to low lying areas.

Fresh snow

In the central sector of the southern flank of the Alps, 10 to 20 cm of fresh snow was registered; in the other regions of Switzerland a few centimetres from place to place.

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, -8 °C in the northern regions and -6 °C in the Valais and in the southern regions.

Wind

- Winds were predominantly light;
- during the daytime in the Jura region and in the western Prealps, a moderate-strength bise wind prevailed.

Weather forecast through Friday, 16.04.2021

During the nighttime hours skies are expected to be predominantly overcast and a small amount of snowfall is anticipated in the form of showers. The snowfall level will remain at low lying areas. During the daytime it will be sunny to start with. During the later part of the day it will initially be sunny, later increasingly overcast, but it is expected to remain dry. In the western and southern regions the cloud cover will be heavier than in the northeastern regions.

Fresh snow

In the southern Valais, 5 to 10 cm of fresh snow is anticipated; in the other regions of Switzerland, a few centimetres in the form of showers from place to place.

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, -5 °C.

Wind

Winds will be blowing predominantly at light strength, in the western Prealps and in the Jura region a moderate-strength bise wind will intermittently be blowing.

Outlook through Sunday, 18.04.2021

On Saturday it will be partly sunny, accompanied by increasing cloud cover and isolated showers during the latter part of the day. On Sunday, skies will frequently be overcast, accompanied by isolated showers. At high altitudes, a few centimetres of snowfall is possible. The avalanche situation is not expected to change significantly.