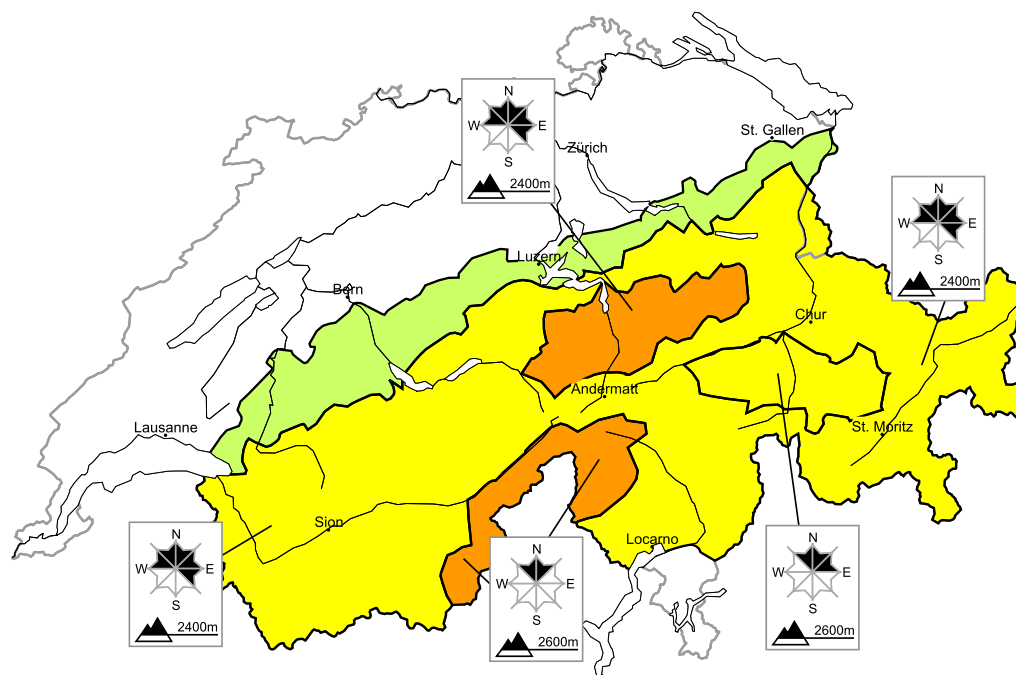


Considerable avalanche danger will be encountered in some regions

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Avalanche danger

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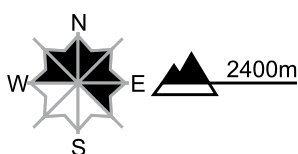
region A

Level 3, considerable



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

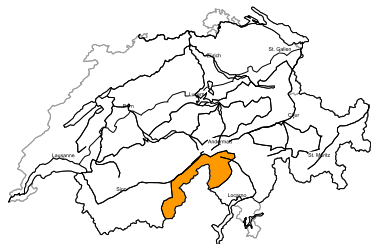
The new snow and wind slabs are prone to triggering at elevated altitudes. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant and reach large size in isolated cases. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

Medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet avalanches are to be expected. This applies in particular on north facing slopes below approximately 2400 m, as well as on east, south and west facing slopes below approximately 2800 m. Backcountry tours and off-piste skiing should be concluded timely.

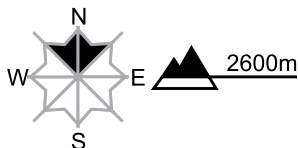
region B

Level 3, considerable



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



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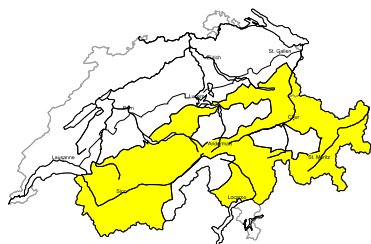
The new snow and wind slabs of the last four days are in some cases still prone to triggering at elevated altitudes. This applies in particular on steep shady slopes. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches, including large ones. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

Medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet avalanches are possible. This applies in particular on north facing slopes below approximately 2400 m, as well as on east, south and west facing slopes in all altitude zones. Backcountry tours and off-piste skiing should be concluded timely.

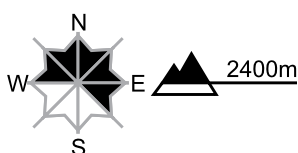
region C

Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The fresh and older wind slabs are in some cases prone to triggering, in particular at elevated altitudes. Avalanches can in some cases be released by people and reach medium size. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet small and medium sized avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep sunny slopes.

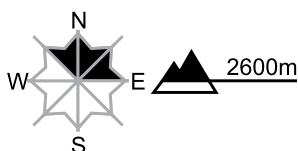
region D

Level 2, moderate



Wind slabs

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

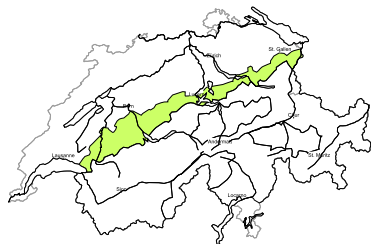
The somewhat older wind slabs can be released easily in some cases. They are mostly small. Careful route selection is recommended. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in particular in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

Wet avalanches as day progresses

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation wet snow slides and avalanches are possible.

region E

Level 1, low

**Wet avalanches as day progresses**

The snowpack is moist. Individual wet snow slides are possible. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The fresh snow that fell at the weekend in the south is settling and bonding to an increasing extent, but only slowly on north facing slopes in the high Alpine regions. Monday and Tuesday's fresh snow in the north and fresh snow drift accumulations are prone to triggering in particular on north and east facing steep slopes at elevated altitudes. Underneath the fresh snow the snowpack is thoroughly moist up to elevated altitudes in the high Alpine regions on south facing slopes, below approximately 3000 m on west and east facing slopes, and below approximately 2400 m on north facing slopes. In isolated cases avalanches can release the saturated snowpack.

Observed weather on Tuesday, 26.04.2022

Monday night was partly clear in the inneralpine regions, otherwise mostly overcast, and a few centimetres of snow fell locally. During the day in the south and in northern and central Grisons there were sunny spells at first, otherwise it was mostly overcast with showery precipitation. The snowfall level was between 1500 m in the north and 1900 m in the south.

Fresh snow

In the period from Monday afternoon until Tuesday afternoon, 5 to 15 cm of snow was deposited locally in showers. From Sunday afternoon until Tuesday afternoon, the following aggregate amounts of snow fell above approximately 2200 m:

- Central Swiss Alps excluding Urseren: 30 to 45 cm
- Rest of the northern Alpine ridge from Les Diablerets into Alpstein, rest of the central and eastern parts of the northern flank of the Alps, Goms, Gotthard region, Prättigau: 15 to 30 cm
- Elsewhere: 5 to 15 cm; none in the far south

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m: between -2 °C in the northwest and +2 °C in the southeast

Wind

Light to moderate, in the east moderate to strong at times, from westerly directions

Weather forecast through Wednesday, 27.04.2022

On Tuesday night the skies will be mostly clear in the west and south. In the north and east the showers will cease. The snowfall level will be approximately 1400 m. In the east the residual cloud will finally disperse on Wednesday morning. During the day it will be generally mostly sunny.

Fresh snow

During Tuesday night above approximately 1800 m:

- Northern flank of the Alps from the eastern Bernese Alps to Liechtenstein, northern Grisons: 5 to 10 cm
- Elsewhere: a few centimetres or none

Temperature

Increasing, at midday at 2000 m: about +4 °C in the west and south and about +2 °C in the east

Wind

Light to moderate from the northwest to northeast

Outlook through Friday, 29.04.2022

With mostly clear skies at night, each of the coming days will be mostly sunny. In central and southern Ticino low-altitude cloudbanks will prevail in the mornings, but they will disperse as the day progresses. On Friday high-altitude cloudbanks will build up from the west. The weather will become milder and the zero degree level will rise to approximately 3000 m. The wind will be light to moderate from northerly directions.

The danger of dry avalanches will continue to decrease, but avalanches can still be released in particular on north facing slopes in the high Alpine regions. On each of the coming days the danger of wet snow avalanches will be low after the clear nights, but then increase quickly under the influence of daytime warming and solar radiation.