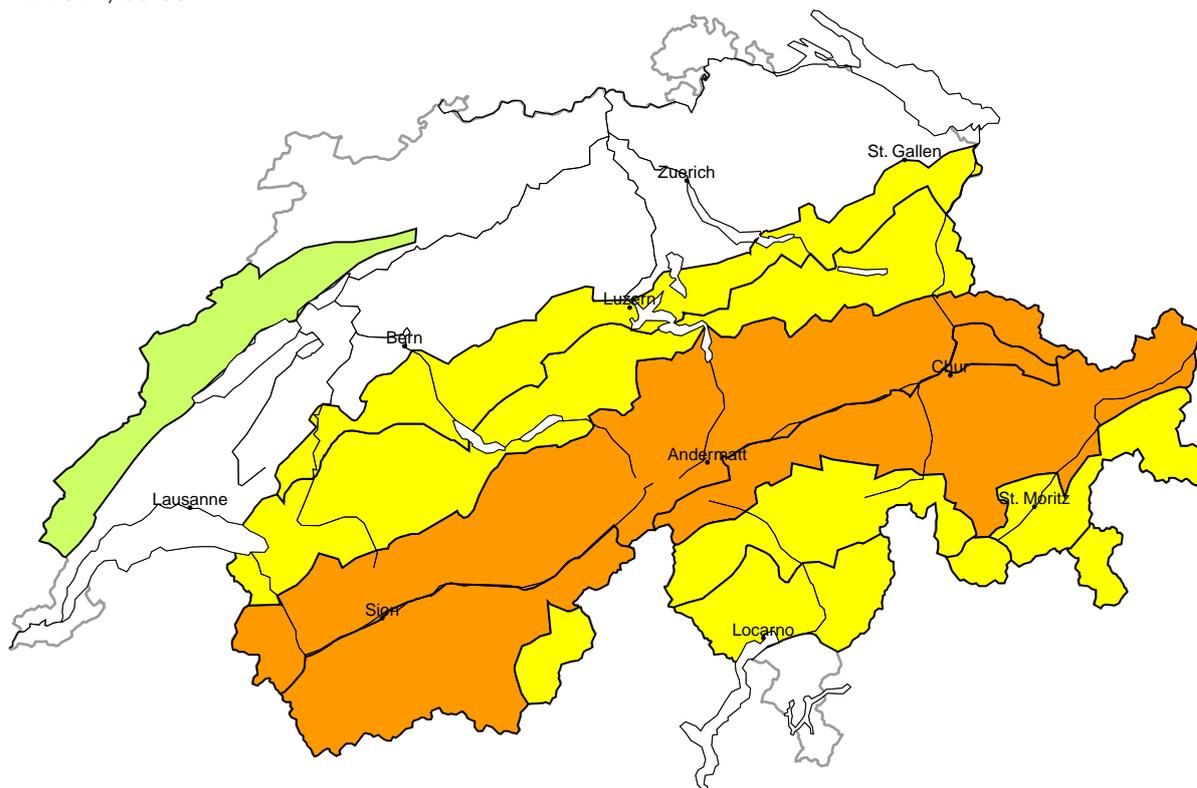


Avalanche danger

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region A Considerable (3=)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Distinct weak layers exist in the snowpack especially on west, north and east facing slopes. Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant and reach large size in isolated cases. Whumpfung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger.

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



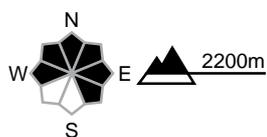
region B

Considerable (3=)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Distinct weak layers exist in the snowpack especially on west, north and east facing slopes. Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant and reach large size in isolated cases. Whumpfung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and restraint.

Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Small and medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible,, in isolated cases also on very steep shady slopes. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible. On steep sunny slopes individual moist and wet snow slides are possible as the day progresses.

region C

Considerable (3-)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

In isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach large size. Caution is to be exercised in particular in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow, as well as at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack, when entering gullies and bowls for example. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Small and medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible,, in isolated cases also on very steep shady slopes. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible. On steep sunny slopes individual moist and wet snow slides are possible as the day progresses.

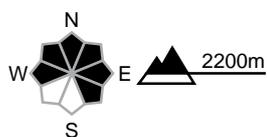
region D

Moderate (2+)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The somewhat older wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. Whumpung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

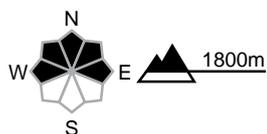
region E

Moderate (2=)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. These avalanche prone locations are to be found adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls and in little used backcountry terrain. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

Moderate (2)

Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Small and medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible, in isolated cases also on very steep shady slopes. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible. On steep sunny slopes individual moist and wet snow slides are possible as the day progresses.

region F

Moderate (2-)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Thus far only a little snow is lying. The clearly visible wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. They are mostly small and can only be released in isolated cases. 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.

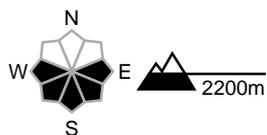
region G

Moderate (2)



Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Small and medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible, in isolated cases also on very steep shady slopes. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible.

On steep sunny slopes individual moist and wet snow slides are possible as the day progresses.

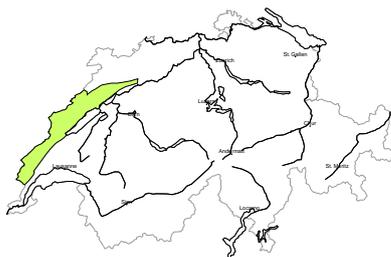
Low (1)

No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found especially in extremely steep terrain. 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 H

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found especially in extremely steep terrain. 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.



Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The new snow and snowdrifts of the past seven days are covering a faceted, weak old snowpack at high altitude, especially on western, northern and eastern slopes:

- Especially north of the Rhône-Rhine line, the covering layer is often thick. Avalanches triggered by people are only possible in isolated cases here. However, avalanches can become large.
- As the avalanche reports of the last few days have shown, avalanches are still possible in weak layers near the ground, especially in southern Valais, as well as in a strip from northern Ticino via northern Grisons, the northern areas of central Grisons to Lower Engadine. Here, too, avalanches can become large.
- South of this region, in the southern areas of central Grisons, southern Grisons and central Ticino, there is still little snow. However, avalanches are also possible in these regions, especially where strong northerly winds deposited snowdrift accumulations on the thin, mostly completely faceted and loose snowpack on Tuesday.

Weather review for Thursday

It was sunny in the mountains.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around +6 °C.

Wind

Moderate at high altitudes, occasionally strong from the northeast

Weather forecast until Friday

It will be sunny in the mountains.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, +5 °C.

Wind

Winds will be mostly light.

Outlook

It will be sunny and mild in the mountains. The zero-degree level will be around 3000 m. There will be light winds. The danger of dry avalanches will slowly decrease. Particularly in southern Valais and in Grisons, avalanches can still be released in the weak old snowpack and become large. In the north, small and medium-sized gliding avalanches are still possible on sunny steep slopes.