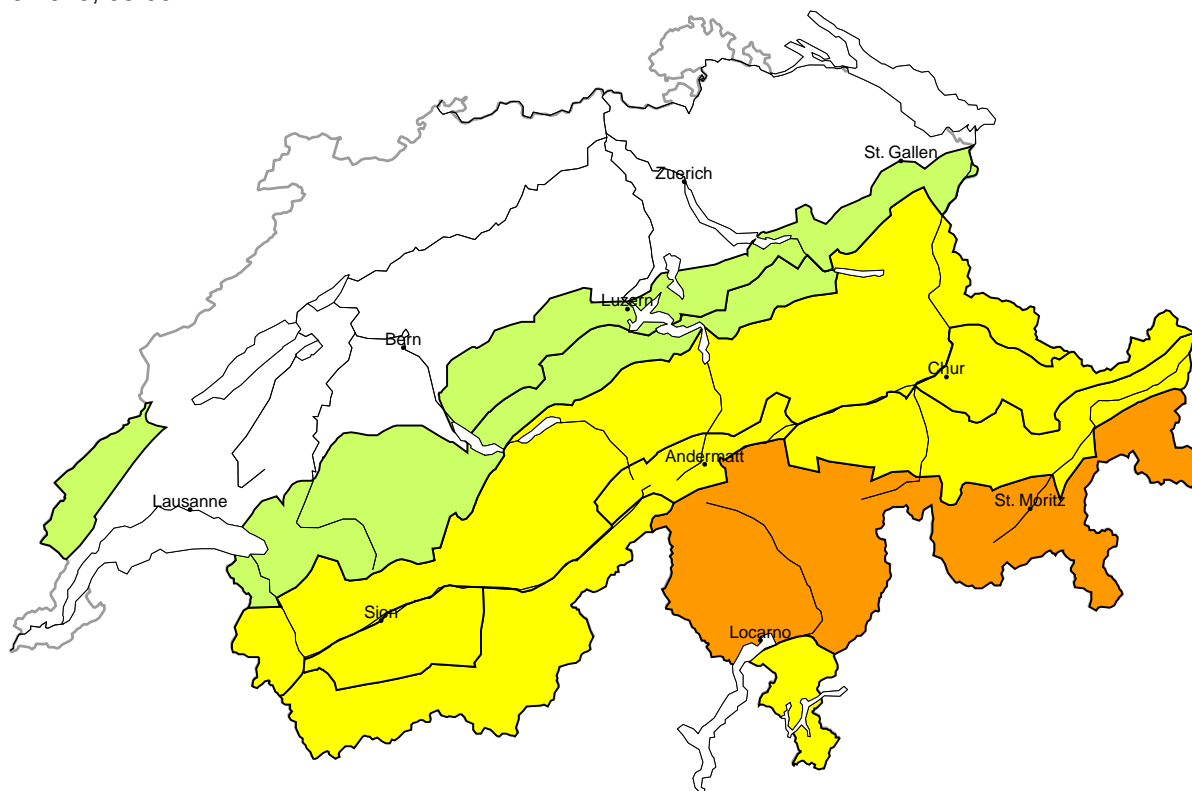


Avalanche danger

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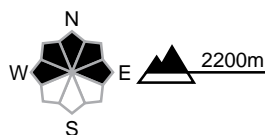
region A

Considerable (3-)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Distinct weak layers exist in the old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. Avalanches can in some cases be released in deep layers and reach large 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 experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Moderate (2)

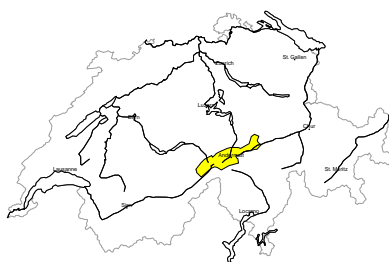
Wet snow, Gliding snow

In particular on very steep sunny slopes medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.



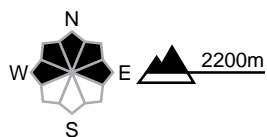
region B

Moderate (2+)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of southerly foehn wind, mostly shallow wind slabs formed on Wednesday. These are prone to triggering. Avalanches can reach medium size. The fresh wind slabs in steep terrain are to be bypassed as far as possible.

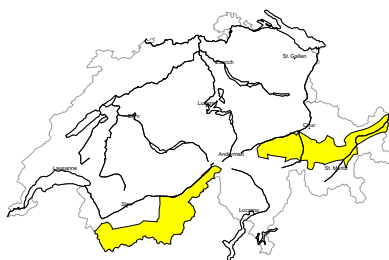
Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

In particular on very steep sunny slopes medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.

region C

Moderate (2+)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Weak layers exist in the centre of the snowpack in particular on shady slopes. Avalanches can be released by people and reach medium size. Additionally in isolated cases avalanches can penetrate deep layers and reach large size. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for caution.

Moderate (2)

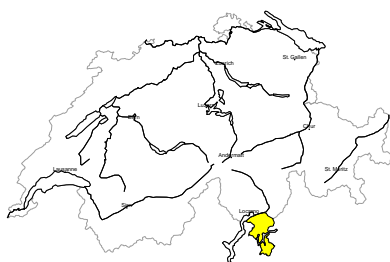
Wet snow, Gliding snow

In particular on very steep sunny slopes medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.



region D

Moderate (2=)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Weak layers in the old snowpack can still be released in some places. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack and in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. Avalanches can reach medium size. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

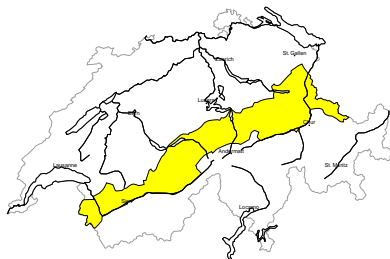
Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

In particular on very steep sunny slopes medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.

region E

Moderate (2-)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes. The 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.

Moderate (2)

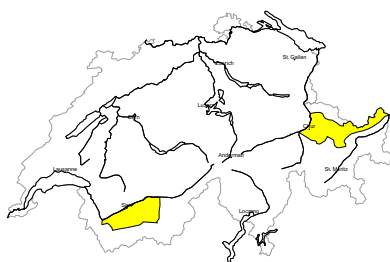
Wet snow, Gliding snow

In particular on very steep sunny slopes medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.



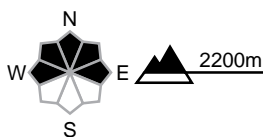
region F

Moderate (2-)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can in isolated cases be released in deep layers and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes, especially in little used backcountry terrain. Careful route selection is recommended.

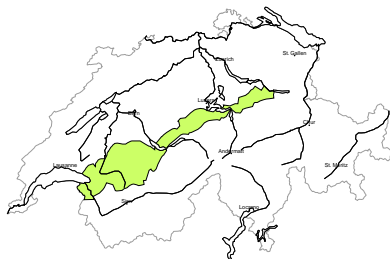
Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

In particular on very steep sunny slopes medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.

region G

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

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

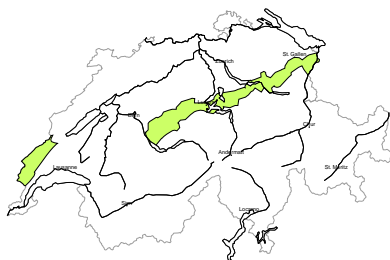
Low (1)

Wet snow

In particular on very steep sunny slopes small and medium-sized wet and gliding avalanches are possible as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.

region H

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular 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

Last week there was considerable snowfall on the Main Alpine Ridge and to the south of there. Especially on shady slopes, this snow is lying on an unfavourable, faceted old snow surface where it is still sometimes prone to triggering. North of the Main Alpine Ridge, the thin layers of drifted snow from the last week are only prone to triggering in isolated cases. In the Gotthard region, easily triggered snowdrift accumulations developed on Wednesday. In Valais, Ticino and Grisons, deep layers of the snowpack are also loose and faceted. Especially along the central and eastern parts of the Main Alpine Ridge, avalanches can penetrate deep layers of the snowpack on shady slopes. Individual wet and gliding avalanches are possible.

Weather review for Wednesday

After a mostly clear night, it was sunny.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +3 °C in the north and -1 °C in the south.

Wind

Light to moderate from southerly directions

Weather forecast to Thursday

After a mostly clear night, it will be sunny.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +4 °C in the north and 0 °C in the south.

Wind

- Mostly light.
- Tendency towards light foehn winds in the Alpine valleys of the north

Outlook

Friday

The night into Friday will be clear in the east, otherwise often overcast. During the day it will be partly sunny with dense high patches of cloud. The zero-degree level will increase on Friday towards 3000 m in the north, while in the south it will be around 2000 m. There will be a light to moderate southwesterly wind. There will be increasing foehn winds in the Alpine valleys of the north.

The danger of dry avalanches will continue to decrease. With the consequence of warming, more wet and gliding avalanches are expected as the day progresses.

Saturday

In the north, it will be partly sunny with dense high patches of cloud. In the south it will be very cloudy and precipitation will fall, above 1500 m around 10 to 20 cm of snow. However, the exact quantities are still uncertain. There will be a moderate to strong wind from the south. A strong foehn wind will blow in the Alpine valleys of the north.

The danger of dry avalanches will increase over a wide area with new fallen snow in the south and sometimes strong winds in the north. The danger of wet avalanches will not change significantly.