Avalanche danger

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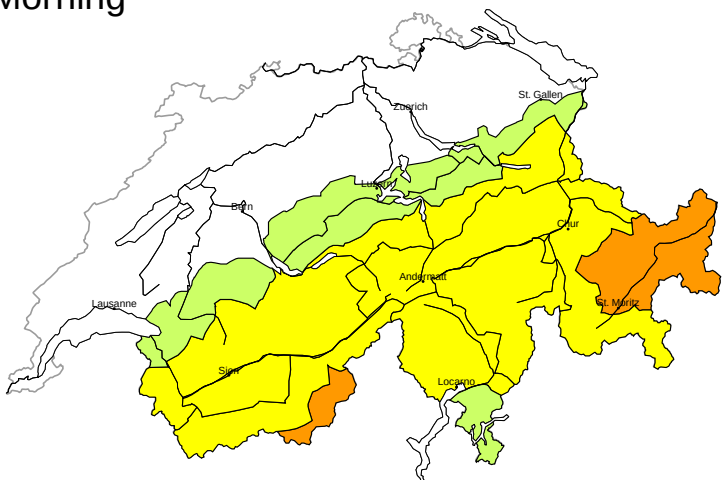
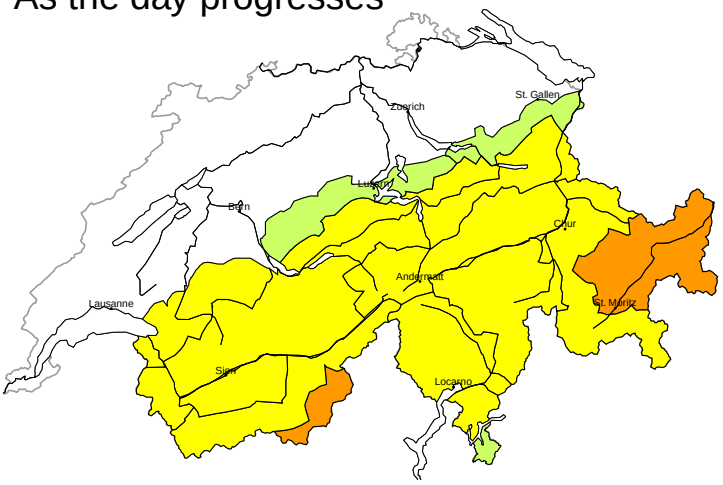
Morning



As the day progresses

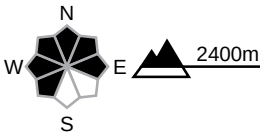


region A

Considerable (3-) Dry avalanches, whole day

Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs are prone to triggering. Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. Avalanches can in isolated cases penetrate deep layers. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

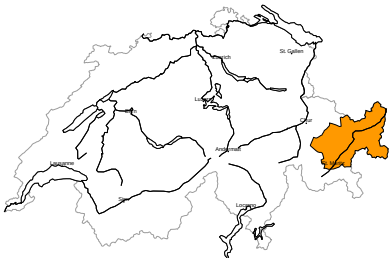
Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

Danger levels 1 low 2 moderate 3 considerable 4 high 5 very high

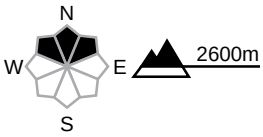
region B

Considerable (3-) Dry avalanches, whole day



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are difficult to recognise. They are to be found in particular on very steep north facing slopes. Whumpfing sounds can indicate the danger.
Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

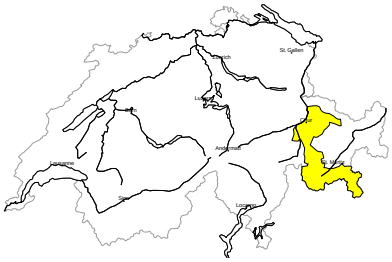
Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

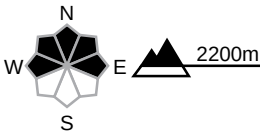
region C

Moderate (2+) Dry avalanches, whole day



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can in some cases be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. These avalanche prone locations are difficult to recognise. Whumpfing sounds can indicate the danger.
In addition the wind slabs of the last few days are prone to triggering in some cases. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in steep terrain.
Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for defensive route selection.

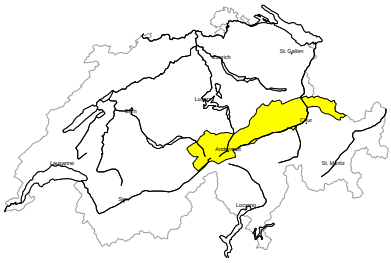
Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

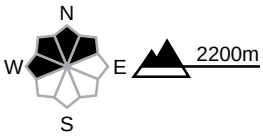
region D

Moderate (2=) Dry avalanches, whole day



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description
The wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases prone to triggering. They can in some places be released by people. Avalanches can reach medium size. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

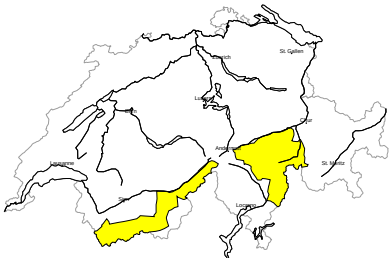
Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

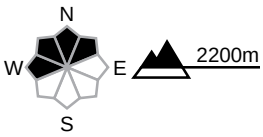
region E

Moderate (2=) Dry avalanches, whole day



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description
Avalanches can be released in the weakly bonded old snow in isolated cases. They can reach medium size. These avalanche prone locations are difficult to recognise. Whumpfing sounds can indicate the danger. In addition the wind slabs of the last few days are prone to triggering in some cases.
Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for defensive route selection.

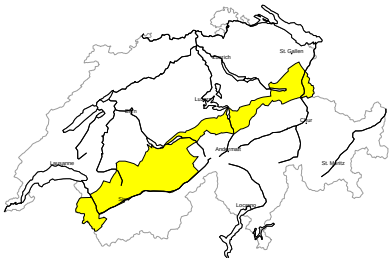
Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

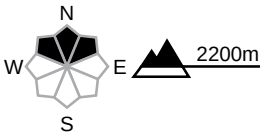
region F

Moderate (2-) Dry avalanches, whole day



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description
The wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. Mostly avalanches are small. The wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain.

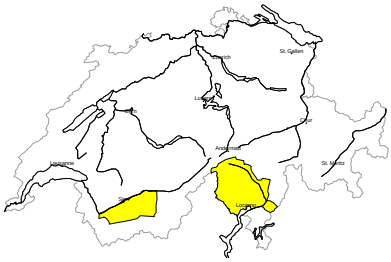
Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

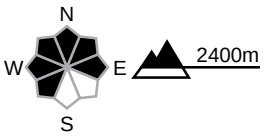
region G

Moderate (2-) Dry avalanches, whole day



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description
The wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. They are rather small. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in very steep terrain.
Additionally in isolated cases dry avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. These avalanche prone locations are rare and are difficult to recognise. Careful route selection is recommended.

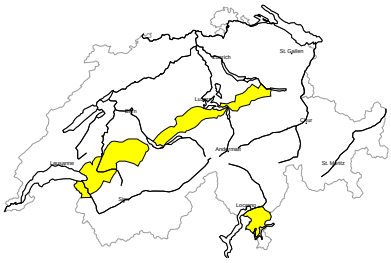
Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

region H

Low (1) Dry avalanches, whole day



No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found on very steep shady slopes. 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 and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

region I

Low (1) Dry avalanches

No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found on very steep shady slopes. 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.

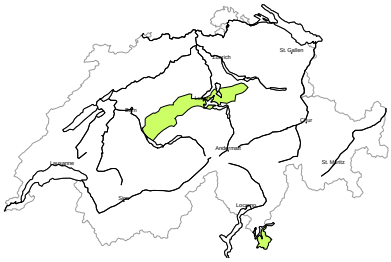
Low (1) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches

Wet snow, Gliding snow

In particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes individual medium-sized wet and gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

region J

Low (1)



Wet snow, Gliding snow

In particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes individual medium-sized wet and gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

Snowpack and weather

updated on 2.4.2025, 17:00

Snowpack

With a strong southeasterly wind, the new fallen snow was transported on the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais and some looser old snow in the other regions of the west. Some of these snowdrift accumulations are prone to triggering. In addition, the more recent snowdrift accumulations on the northern flank of the Alps and in Grisons are also still prone to triggering.
The old snowpack is quite favourable in the north. In southern Valais and Grisons, it is faceted and prone to triggering in places, especially from Davos to Val Müstair via Lower Engadine. In Ticino, the weak layers in the old snowpack are now so heavily covered that only isolated avalanches can be triggered in the old snowpack.
The old snowpack is water-saturated on southern slopes up to around 3000 m and on western and eastern slopes below approximately 2200 to 2400 m.
With good outgoing longwave radiation, the wet snowpack stabilises during the night. With the daytime consequences of warming and solar radiation, the danger of wet and gliding avalanches increases.

Weather review for Wednesday

Precipitation has been falling on the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais since the early morning, with snow above approximately 1500 m. In the north and east, it was mostly sunny after a mostly clear night with larger cumulus clouds in the afternoon. In the south, after an overcast night, it was sunny from midday.

Fresh snow
From Wednesday morning to Wednesday afternoon above 1800 m:
- Main Alpine Ridge in Valais along the border with Italy: 5 to 15 cm, Monte Rosa area to Simplon Pass: up to 25 cm
- Neighbouring regions to the north: less, otherwise dry

Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between +4 °C in the north and -1 °C in the south.

Wind
- Moderate to strong southeasterly winds in the west, partly stormy in the high Alpine regions
- Otherwise mostly light to moderate from the southeast

Weather forecast to Thursday

In the evening, a little snow will fall on the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais, right on the border with Italy. Otherwise it will be sunny in the mountains after a mostly clear night.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between +4 °C in the north and +2 °C in the south.

Wind
- Moderate during the night, sometimes strong from the south to southeast, moderate foehn wind in the foehn valleys of the north
- The winds will be mostly light during the day.

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Outlook for Friday and Saturday

After clear nights, it will be mostly sunny in the mountains. Winds will be mostly light. From Saturday morning, moderate northerly winds will blow in places in the south and east. The zero-degree level will be 2800 m in the north. In the south, it will increase from around 2400 m on Friday to around 3000 m on Saturday.
The danger of dry avalanches will decrease, but only slowly on shady slopes at high altitudes. The danger of wet and gliding avalanches will increase during the day.