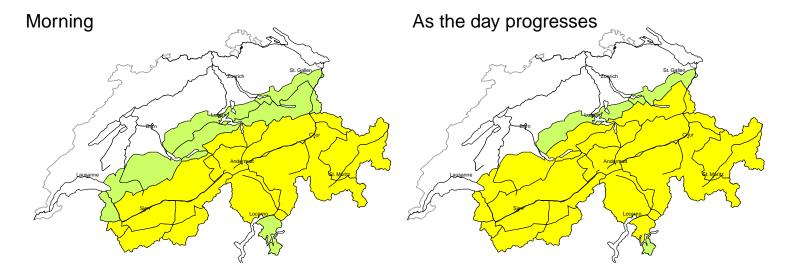
Avalanche danger

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region A

Moderate (2+) Dry avalanches, whole day



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

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Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs are in some cases still prone to triggering. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. Avalanches can in isolated cases penetrate deep layers.

In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are more widespread and the danger is greater. Backcountry touring calls 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 3000 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

Danger levels

1 low

2 moderate

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5 very high

region B

Moderate (2+) Dry avalanches, whole day



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can in some cases be released in the old snowpack 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 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 mediumsized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

region C

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. 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 mediumsized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

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Danger levels

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region D

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 lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Avalanches can in some places be released by people and reach medium size. They can in isolated cases penetrate deep layers. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep north facing slopes. 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 mediumsized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

region E

Moderate (2=) Dry avalanches, whole day



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are rather rare but are difficult to recognise. They are to be found in particular on very steep north facing slopes.

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 mediumsized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

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Danger levels

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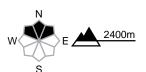
region F

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 mediumsized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

region G

Moderate (2-) Dry avalanches, whole day



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

In isolated cases dry avalanches can be released in deep layers and reach medium size. These avalanche prone locations are rare and are difficult to recognise. Careful route selection is recommended.

In addition the mostly small wind slabs of the last few days are capable of being triggered in isolated cases still. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in extremely 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 mediumsized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

Danger levels

2 moderate

3 considerable

4 high

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 mediumsized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 3000 m, and on steep shady slopes below approximately 2200 m.

Backcountry tours and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

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.



Danger levels

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Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

Snowdrift accumulations, some of which are still prone to triggering formed in Wednesday's southerly winds. In the north, the underlying structure of the old snowpack is pretty favourable. In southern Valais, Ticino and Grisons, the old snowpack still contains faceted layers, which are still prone to triggering, especially from the Davos region via Lower Engadine to Val Müstair, where a few avalanches have been triggered in the old snowpack in recent days. 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 snowpack is water-saturated below approximately 3000 m on south-facing slopes, below approximately 2200 to 2400 m on west and east-facing slopes, and below approximately 1700 m on north-facing slopes. The mild temperatures mean that moisture penetration is continuing to progress.

During the clear night to Friday, a sometimes strong melt-freeze crust will form on sunny slopes. As daytime temperatures rise in the sunshine, this will soften as the day progresses and the risk of wet and gliding avalanches will increase.

Weather review for Thursday

The night was partly cloudy in the south. A little snow continued to fall on the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais. Elsewhere the night was mostly clear. Conditions were sunny in all regions during the day.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +7 °C in the west and +4 °C in the east

Wind

Southerly wind

- overnight on the northern Alpine ridge sometimes moderate to strong, elsewhere light to moderate
- mostly light during the day.

Weather forecast to Friday

After a clear night, conditions will be sunny during the day with cumulus clouds in the afternoon.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +6 °C in the north and +4 °C in the south.

Wind

Winds will be mostly light from variable directions.



Outlook

Saturday

After a clear night, conditions will be sunny, with light winds and very mild temperatures during the day. The zero-degree level will be around 3000 m.

The risk of dry avalanches will continue to decrease, while the risk of wet avalanches will increase during the day. Touring and off-piste skiing and ascents to mountain huts should be completed in good time.

Sunday

The night to Sunday will be partly clear in the east and south and elsewhere mostly clear. It will be pretty sunny in the mountains during the day. There will be moderate to strong northeasterly winds at high altitudes and a moderate Bise wind in the western Prealps. Temperatures will remain mild in the west and south, while the zero-degree level will drop towards 2000 m in the east.

The risk of dry avalanches will continue to decrease, while the risk of wet avalanches will increase a little during the day.

