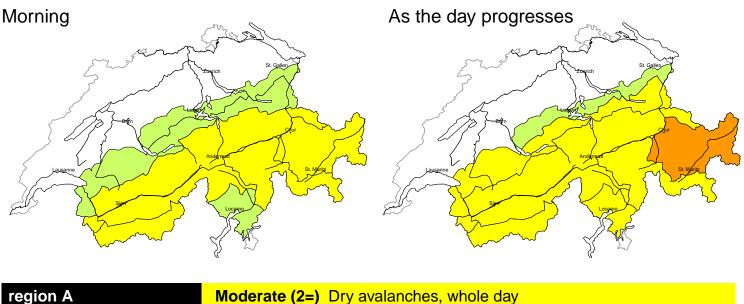
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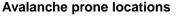
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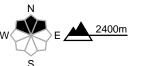
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Persistent weak layers





Danger description

Dry avalanches can in some cases be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are rather rare but are difficult to recognise.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for defensive route selection.

Considerable (3) Wet-snow avalanches, as the day progresses

Wet snow

The snowpack is weak. Sunshine and high temperatures will give rise to increasing and thorough wetting of the snowpack. More frequent natural wet avalanches are to be expected as the day progresses, in particular medium-sized ones. This applies especially on very steep east and west facing slopes below approximately 2800 m. Wet avalanches can in some places be released in the weakly bonded old snow by people. Shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack and penetration of the old snow cover serve as an alarm indicating the danger.

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



region **B**



Moderate (2=) Dry avalanches, whole day

Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs of Wednesday 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 prevalent and the danger is slightly greater. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

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

Wet snow, Gliding snow

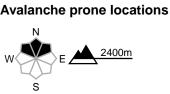
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region C

Moderate (2=) Dry avalanches, whole day

Persistent weak layers



Danger description

Dry avalanches can in some cases be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are rather rare but are difficult to recognise.

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

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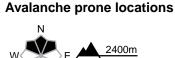






Moderate (2-) Dry avalanches, whole day

No distinct avalanche problem



Danger description

Avalanches can in isolated cases be released in nearsurface layers. Mostly they are small. 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.

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

Wet snow, Gliding snow

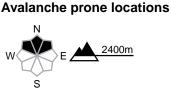
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region E

Moderate (2-) Dry avalanches, whole day

Persistent weak layers



Danger description

In isolated cases 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. 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.

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.

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region F



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.

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region G

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Low (1)

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.



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Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The snowpack is pretty favourable in the north. Isolated avalanches may still be triggered, particularly in near-surface layers. In southern Valais, Ticino and Grisons, there are still faceted layers deeper in the snowpack, 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 weak old snowpack in recent days. In Ticino, the weak layers in the old snowpack are now so heavily covered that only isolated avalanches may be triggered there.

The snowpack is water-saturated on southern slopes up into the high Alpine regions and on northern slopes below 1700 m. On eastern and western slopes, the snowpack is becoming increasingly saturated between 2400 and 3000 m. At these altitudes in regions with a weak snowpack structure, weak layers in the old snowpack are starting to become saturated for the first time. As a result, moist slab avalanches may occur spontaneously and may also be triggered by people. During the clear night to Saturday, a strong melt-freeze crust will form on steep sunny slopes above approximately 2000 m. 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 Friday

After a clear night, conditions were sunny during the day.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around +7 °C

Wind

Light.

Weather forecast to Saturday

After a clear night, conditions will be sunny during the day.

Fresh snow

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Temperature At midday at 2000 m, around +6 °C

Wind

Light, sometimes moderate northerly in the south in the afternoon

Outlook for Sunday and Monday

After mostly clear nights, conditions will be mainly sunny on both days. On Sunday, the zero-degree level will be around 3000 m the west, dropping towards 2000 m in the east; on Monday it will be between 2400 m in the west and 2000 m in the east. On Sunday, in the south and generally at high altitudes, there will be moderate to strong northerly winds. On Monday, winds will mostly be light.

The risk of dry avalanches will slowly decrease. As daytime temperatures rise in the sunshine, the risk of wet avalanches will increase during the day, most markedly in the west on Sunday.

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