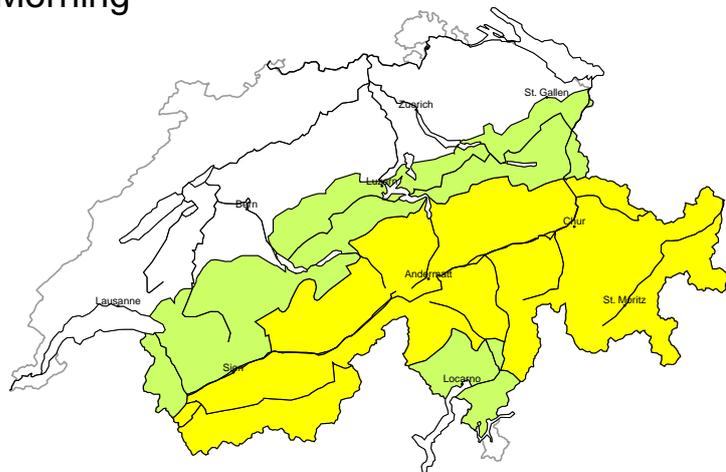


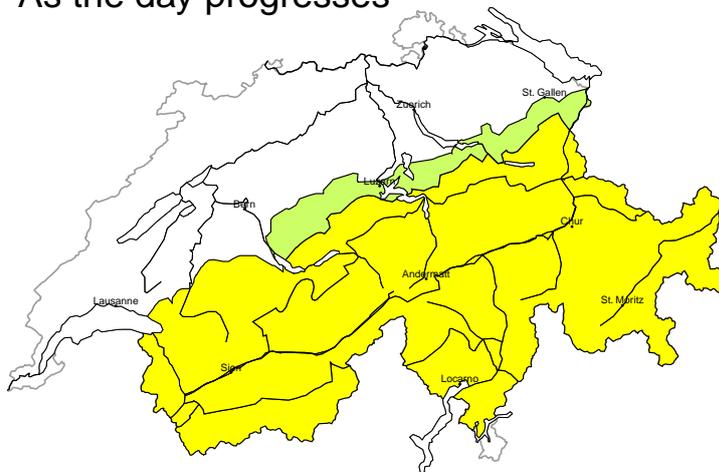
Avalanche danger

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Morning



As the day progresses

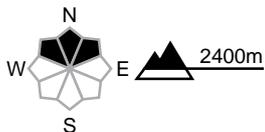


region A **Moderate (2=) Dry avalanches, whole day**



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The somewhat older wind slabs are in some cases still prone to triggering. Dry 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

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation 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, as well as on steep north facing slopes below approximately 2200 m. Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.



1 low



2 moderate



3 considerable



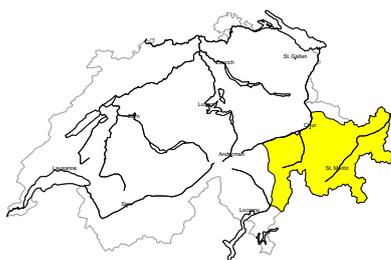
4 high



5 very high

region B

Moderate (2=) Dry avalanches, whole day



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



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. As a consequence of northerly wind, small wind slabs will form in some localities. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular in terrain where there is a danger of falling.

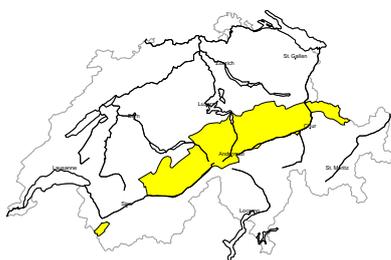
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region C

Moderate (2-) Dry avalanches, whole day



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Dry avalanches can in isolated cases be released in near-surface layers. This applies in particular on very steep north facing slopes. Mostly the avalanches 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

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation 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, as well as on steep north facing slopes below approximately 2200 m. Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

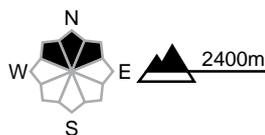
region D

Moderate (2-) Dry avalanches, whole day



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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. 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.

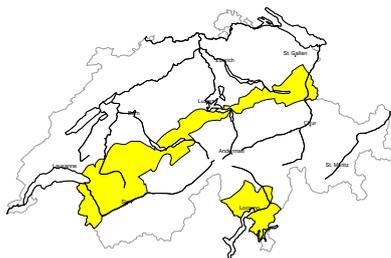
Moderate (2) Wet-snow and gliding avalanches, as the day progresses

Wet snow, Gliding snow

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation 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, as well as on steep north facing slopes below approximately 2200 m. Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

region E

Low (1) Dry avalanches, whole day



No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. 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 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, as well as on steep north facing slopes below approximately 2200 m. Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be concluded timely.

region F

Low (1)



Wet snow

In particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes individual medium-sized wet avalanches are possible. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.



Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

The snowpack is pretty favourable over widespread areas of the north, but isolated avalanches may still be triggered in near-surface layers. In southern Valais, Ticino and Grisons, there are still faceted layers deeper in the snowpack, some of 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 over the last week. There have also been some isolated avalanches on the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais. With northerly winds, small snowdrift accumulations will arise locally at higher altitudes. With warmth and sunshine, the snowpack is becoming increasingly water-saturated. On southern slopes it is water-saturated up into the high Alpine regions and on eastern and western slopes the majority is water-saturated up to around 2800 m. North-facing slopes are water-saturated to around 1800 m, with the surface moist up to around 2500 m. In areas with a weak snowpack structure, weak layers deeper in the snowpack are starting to become saturated for the first time. As a result, moist slab avalanches may occur spontaneously and may in places also be triggered by people. Overnight to Sunday, a melt-freeze crust will form, which will be strong in places. As daytime temperatures rise in the sunshine, this will soften rapidly as the day progresses and the risk of wet and gliding avalanches will increase.

Weather review for Saturday

Conditions were sunny and mild.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +6 °C in the north and +8 °C in the south

Wind

Light overnight, light to moderate during the day from northerly directions

Weather forecast to Sunday

Sunday night will see clear intervals, with moving broken cloud. Sunday will start with low stratus cloud in the east, where temperatures will be significantly cooler. Elsewhere conditions will be mostly sunny. In the afternoon, clouds will gather in southern Ticino.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m

- North: between +4 °C in the west and 0 °C in the east
- South: +5 °C

Wind

- Moderate to strong northerly to northeasterly at higher altitudes and in the upper Alpine valleys in the south, elsewhere light to moderate
- Moderate to strong Bise wind in the Prealps as the day progresses

Outlook for Monday and Tuesday

After mostly clear nights, conditions will be sunny on both days. The zero-degree level will be between 2400 m in the west and 2000 m in the east. On Monday winds will remain moderate to strong at higher altitudes in the south and east, elsewhere they will be light to moderate.

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.