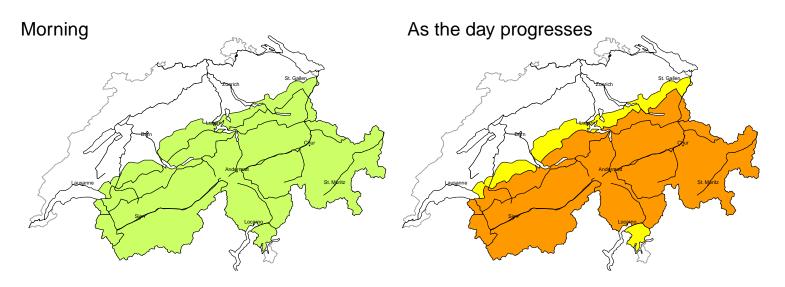
Full avalanche bulletin (to print) Avalanche bulletin through Saturday, 12. April 2025

Avalanche danger

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region A

Low (1) Dry avalanches, whole day



No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found 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.

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

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be good. The weather will be very mild. As the day progresses medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes, as well as on very steep north facing slopes below approximately 2200 m.

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



region **B**



Low (1) Dry avalanches, whole day

No distinct avalanche problem

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found 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.

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

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be good. The weather will be very mild. As the day progresses medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes below approximately 3000 m, as well as on very steep north facing slopes below approximately 2200 m.

Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be started early and concluded timely.

region C



No distinct avalanche problem

Low (1) Dry avalanches, whole day

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes. In isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size, especially in little used backcountry terrain. 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.

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

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be good. The weather will be very mild. As the day progresses medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected. This applies in particular on very steep east, south and west facing slopes below approximately 3000 m, as well as on very steep north facing slopes below approximately 2200 m. Moist avalanches can additionally in some places be released in the weakly bonded old snow by people.

Backcountry tours, off-piste skiing and ascents to alpine cabins should be started early and concluded timely.

region D

Low (1) Dry avalanches, whole day



No distinct avalanche problem

A clear night will be followed in the early morning by favourable avalanche conditions. Dry avalanches are not to be expected.

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

Wet snow

As a consequence of warming wet and gliding avalanches are to be expected as the day progresses. This applies in particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes. The avalanches can reach medium size. Backcountry tours should be concluded timely.



Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

In the north, the snowpack is favourable. Dry avalanches can only be triggered very occasionally and mainly in nearsurface layers. In southern Valais, Ticino and Grisons, there are faceted layers deeper in the snowpack. In recent days, however, no more slab avalanches triggered by human activity have been reported there either.

On southern slopes, the snowpack is water-saturated up into the high alpine regions, while on eastern and western slopes, the majority is water-saturated up to around 2600 m. North-facing slopes are water-saturated up to around 1800 m, with the surface moist up to around 2400 m.

During the night into Saturday, the wet surface of the snowpack will freeze, at least at high altitudes. With the warmth and as a consequence of solar radiation, the melt-freeze crust will soften rapidly and the danger of wet and gliding avalanches will increase significantly. In areas with a weak snowpack structure, moist slab avalanches can also be triggered by human activity in some places.

Weather review for Friday

After a clear night, it was sunny and mild.

Fresh snow

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Temperature At midday at 2000 m, around +8 °C

Wind

Light to moderate from northwesterly directions

Weather forecast to Saturday

After a clear night, it will initially be sunny. As the day progresses, clouds will gather from the west. It will be mild and the zero-degree level will be over 3000 m. In the south, it will drop to around 2700 m during the day.

Fresh snow

A few centimetres on the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais above approximately 2300 m in the afternoon

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +9 °C in the north and +5 °C in the south

Wind

Moderate southerly winds as the day progresses and a foehn tendency in the north



Outlook

Sunday

In the northeast there will be foehn-like bright spells, but otherwise it will be cloudy. A few centimetres of snow will fall above 2000 to 2500 m on the Main Alpine Ridge and south of it as well as in the far west. The southerly wind will be moderate, with strong local winds at times.

Locally, small snowdrift accumulations will form, slightly increasing the danger of dry avalanches in some regions. Following an overcast and warm night, there is a danger of wet avalanches even in the early morning.

Monday

It will be very cloudy and up to 10 cm of snow will fall above around 2200 m. In the far south, the possibility of larger amounts of precipitation cannot be ruled out. In the northeast it will remain dry with a foehn tendency. The danger of dry avalanches will increase slightly in the west and south. It will not change significantly in the northeast. Wet avalanches are still possible.

