Avalanche bulletin through Saturday, 13. December 2025

Avalanche danger

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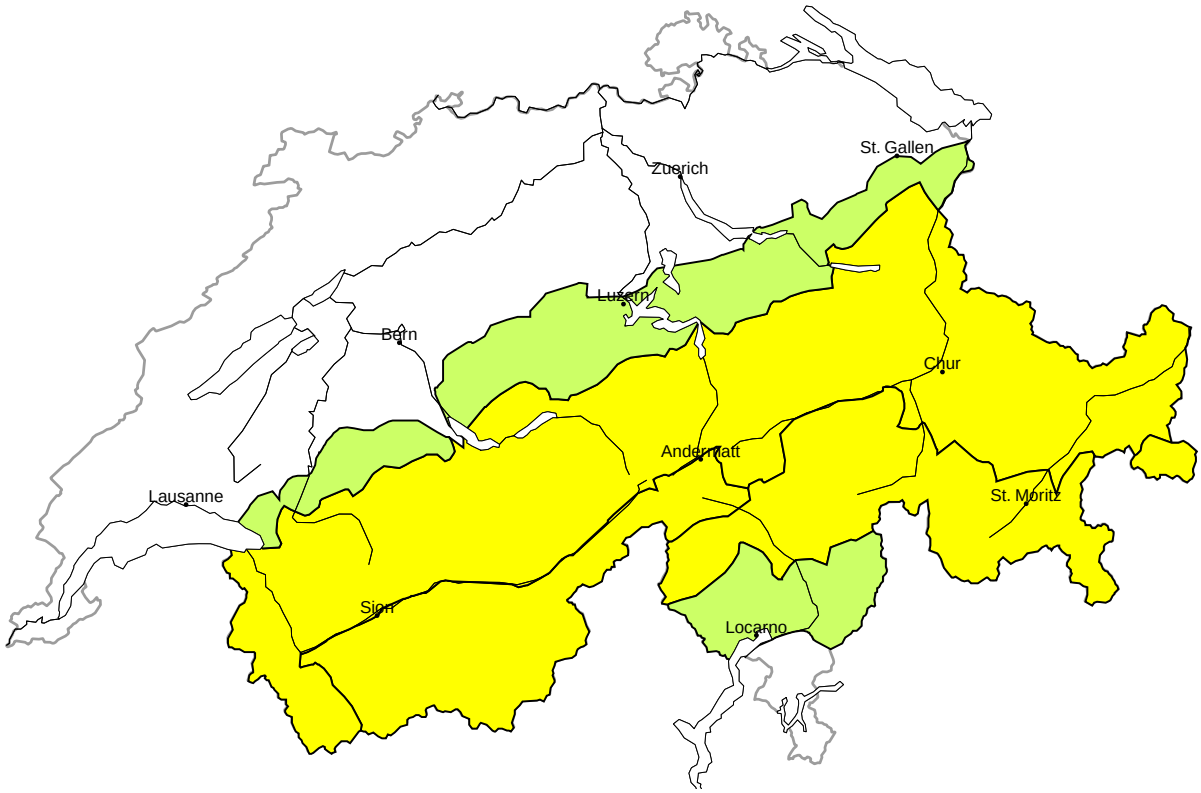
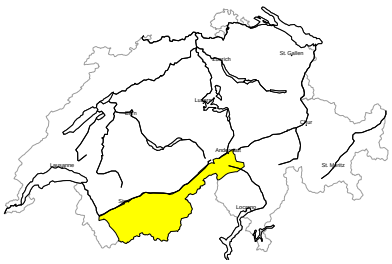
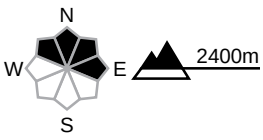


region A — Moderate (2+)



Persistent weak layers

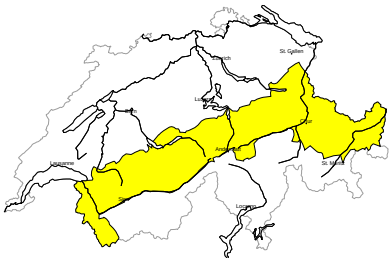
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant. These can penetrate deep layers. Avalanches can in some cases reach large size. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow and at transitions into gullies and bowls.
Whumpfing sounds can indicate the danger. Defensive route selection is appropriate.

region B — Moderate (2-)



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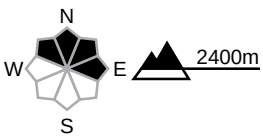

Danger description

Avalanches can in some places be released by people. They can in isolated cases penetrate deep layers. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes and at transitions into gullies and bowls.
Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

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

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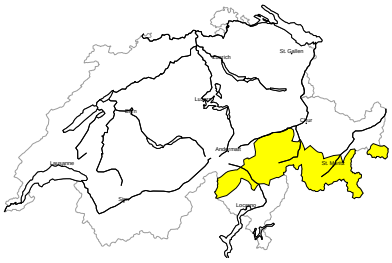
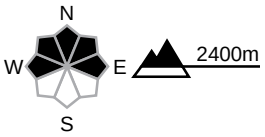
region C — Moderate (2-)



Persistent weak layers

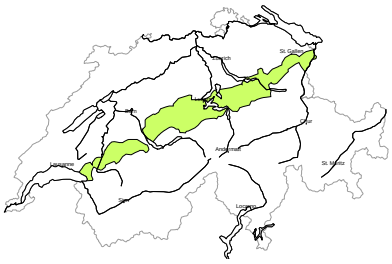
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

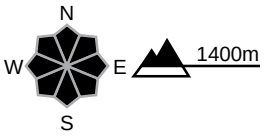
Only a little snow is lying. Avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. This applies in particular on very steep shady slopes.
Careful route selection is recommended.

region D — Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

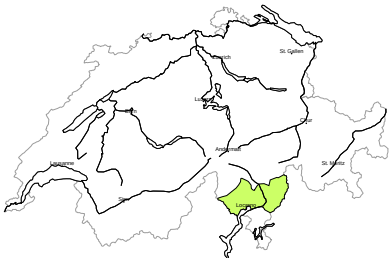
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

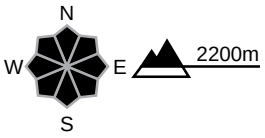
Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

region E — Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Only a little snow is lying. Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in extremely steep terrain. Even a small avalanche can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

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Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

In Lower Valais, northern Valais and the Bernese Oberland, there is as much snow at high altitudes as usual for this time of year, but less in the other regions. There is particularly little snow on the southern flank of the Alps and at intermediate altitudes on the eastern part of the northern flank of the Alps. At 2000 m, there is 30 to 50 cm of snow on the northern flank of the Alps, 10 to 30 cm in southern Lower Valais, northern Upper Valais, the Gotthard region and northern and central Grisons, and less than 10 cm elsewhere.
Weak layers in the snowpack are located in particular on northern and eastern slopes above approximately 2400 m. Particularly in southern Valais and in some parts of the inneralpine regions of Grisons, human activity can cause these layers to fracture and trigger avalanches.
Below approximately 2400 m, the snowpack is moist under the mostly brittle melt-freeze crust; below approximately 2100 m, it is saturated. Isolated wet and gliding avalanches are possible with the sunshine and rising temperatures during the daytime.

Weather review for Friday

It was mostly sunny in the mountains.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between around +6 °C in the west and +4 °C in the east

Wind
Light to moderate from the west, decreasing during the course of the day

Weather forecast to Saturday

It will be sunny and mild with light winds in the mountains.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, around +5 °C

Wind
There will be mostly light southwesterly winds.

Outlook

On Sunday and Monday it will be mostly sunny in the mountains. Clouds will set in from the southwest on Monday afternoon. The southwesterly wind will remain light on Sunday, but will freshen appreciably on Monday. It will remain mild.
The danger of dry avalanches will continue to slowly decrease. In regions with persistent weak layers in particular, persons can still trigger avalanches in places.
The danger of wet and gliding avalanches will increase slightly during the day with the sunshine and rising temperatures.