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Avalanche danger

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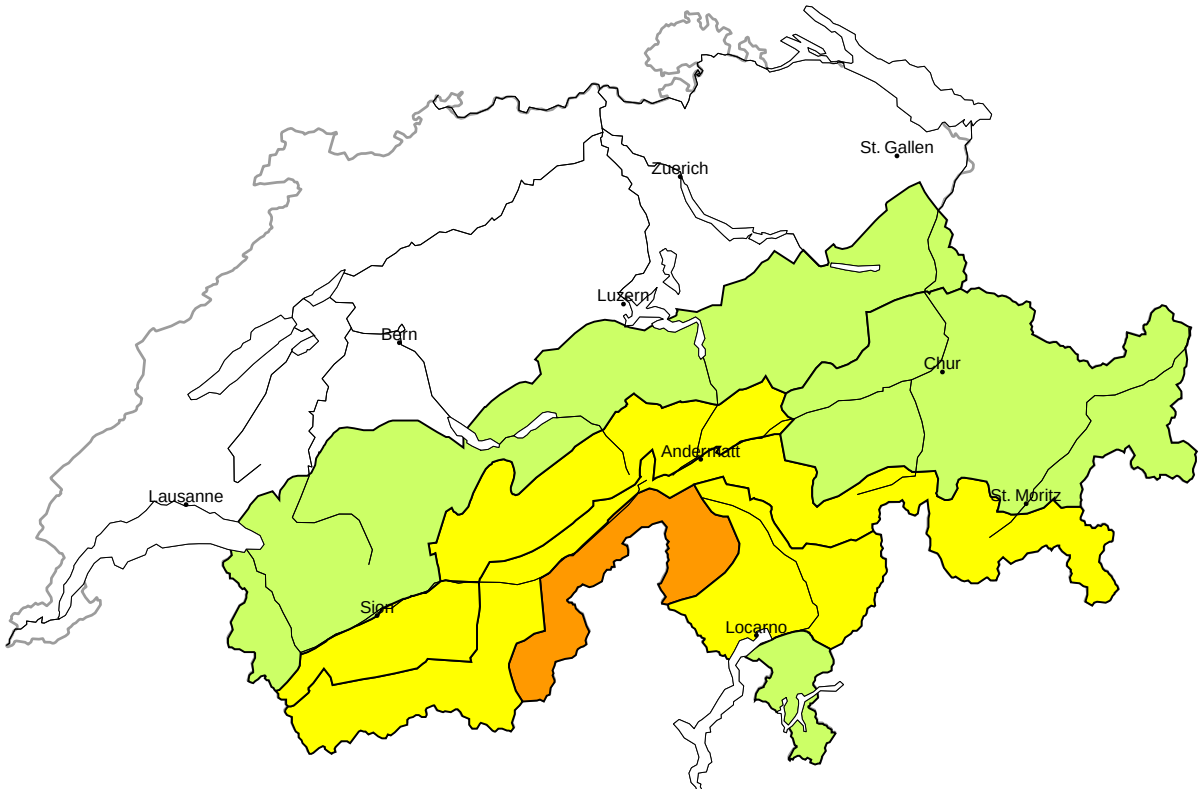
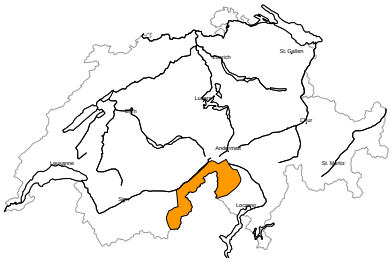
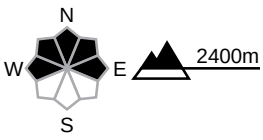


region A — Considerable (3-)



Persistent weak layers

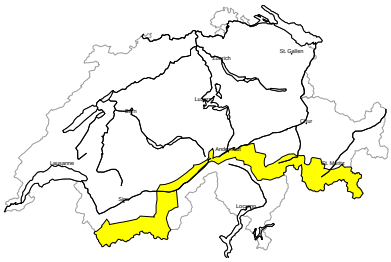
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

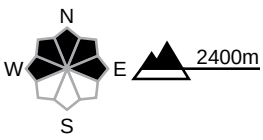
The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Avalanches can be released easily and reach large size in isolated cases. Whumpfing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

region B — Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The mostly small wind slabs of the last few days are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Isolated whumpfing sounds and shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

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

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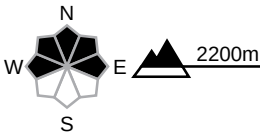
region C — Moderate (2=)

Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



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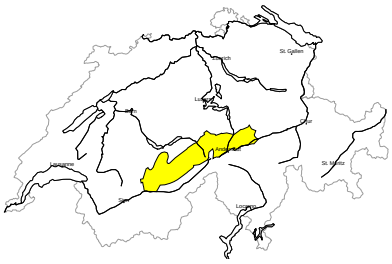
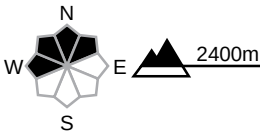
region D — Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

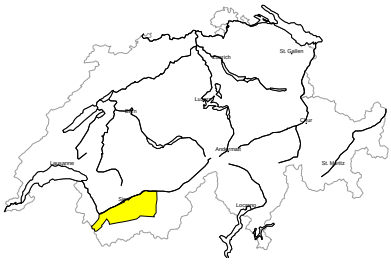
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

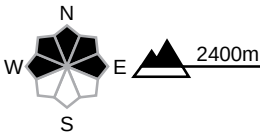
The small wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. Additionally in very isolated cases avalanches can also be released in deep layers and reach medium size in isolated cases. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised as well in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

region E — Moderate (2-)



Persistent weak layers

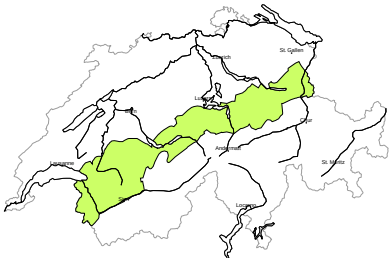
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

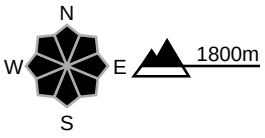
The small wind slabs of the last few days are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack on shady slopes. Avalanches can in isolated cases be released by people and reach medium size. Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

region F — 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.

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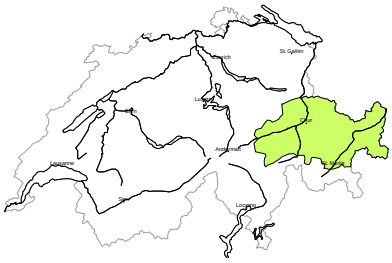
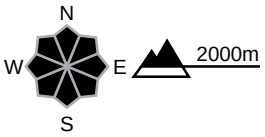
region G

Low (1)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

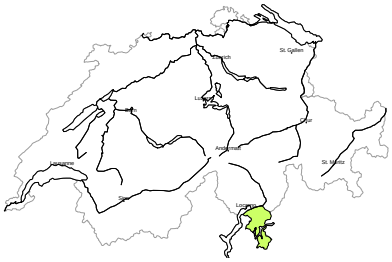


Danger description

In very isolated cases avalanches can be triggered in the weakly bonded old snow and reach medium size. In some localities small wind slabs formed. Caution is to be exercised 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.

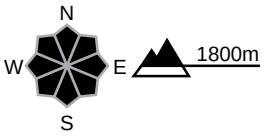
region H

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

From a snow sport perspective, in most cases insufficient snow is lying. Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. Even a snow slide can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

There is appreciably less snow than usual at this time of year in most regions and snow conditions for ski touring are very poor in many places, especially below 2000 m and generally in the east.
The snowpack structure varies from region to region:

- On the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais and on the central southern flank of the Alps, the fresh and drifted snow that fell over Christmas has been deposited on a thin but weak old snowpack of faceted crystals. In the last few days, several avalanches, some of them large, have been triggered by human activity. Avalanches continue to be triggerable in the old snowpack in these regions.
- In central Valais, northern Upper Valais and throughout Grisons, weak layers of faceted crystals or surface hoar are present in the snowpack on shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. Although these weak layers have proven triggerable in stability tests, it is very rare for avalanches actually to be triggered. Small avalanches are possible where snowdrift accumulations from the last few days are lying on the weak snowpack. On wind-protected shady slopes, the surface of the snowpack is faceted and loose.
- The snowpack structure is more favourable in the far west and northern parts of Lower Valais and on the northern flank of the Alps. Small snowdrift accumulations have formed locally. Below 2400 m, the snowpack has mostly frozen solid.

Weather review for Saturday

After a clear night, conditions were sunny and mild in the mountains.

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

Wind
During the night to Saturday in Valais and on the northern Alpine ridge, moderate to strong at times, otherwise light to moderate southeasterly

Weather forecast to Sunday

After a clear night, conditions will be sunny and mild in the mountains.

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

Wind
Moderate during the night to Sunday at high altitudes, light to moderate northeasterly to easterly during the day

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Outlook

Monday
Conditions will be sunny in the mountains. The zero-degree level will fall to 2600 m. Winds will be mostly light. Avalanche risk will decrease only slowly.

Tuesday
Conditions will be sunny in the mountains. The zero-degree level will fall to around 1000 m. The northerly wind will freshen and become moderate to strong. With fresh snow drift accumulations, avalanche danger will increase somewhat, especially on the Upper Valais Main Alpine Ridge and in Ticino.