Avalanche bulletin for Tuesday, 30. December 2025

Avalanche danger

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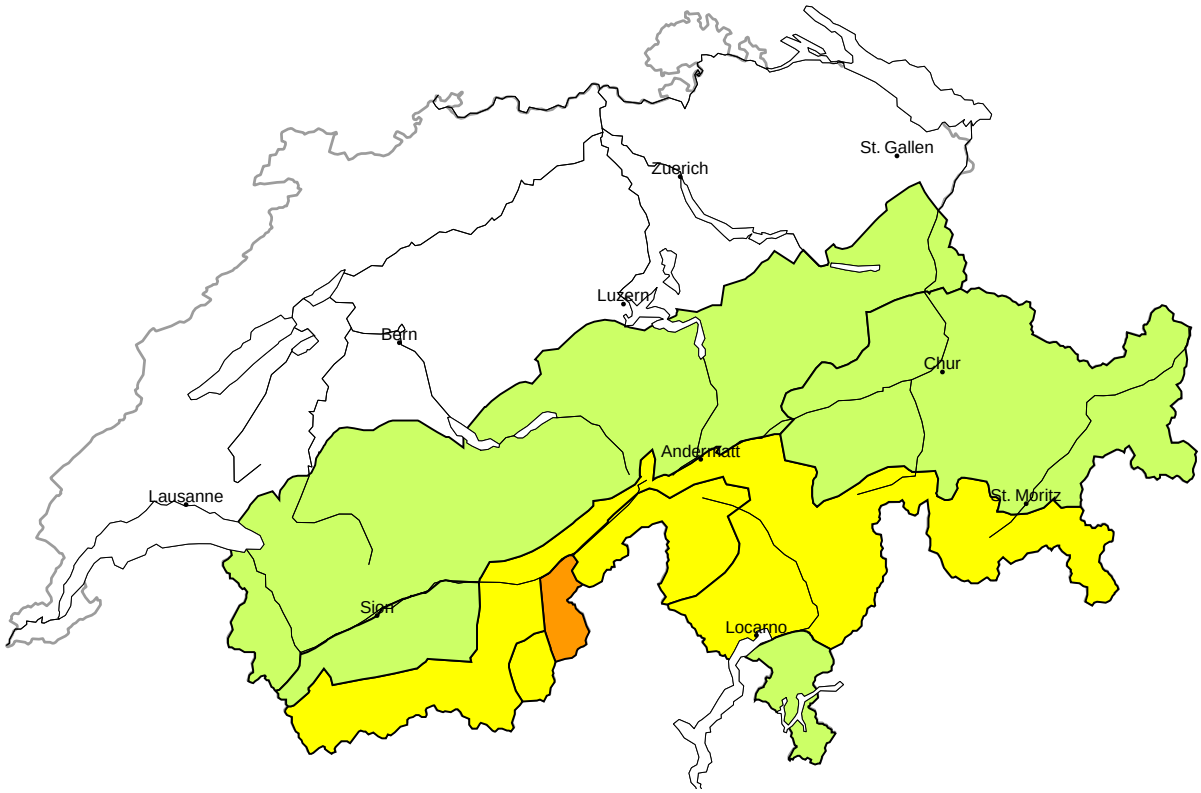
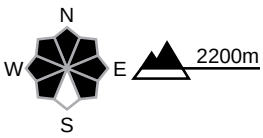


region A — Considerable (3-)

Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

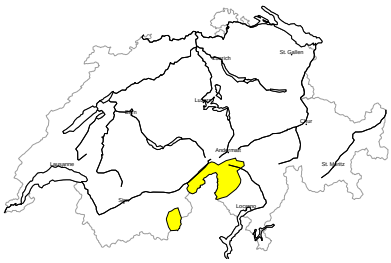
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a sometimes strong northerly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form in all aspects. Avalanches can additionally be released in the weakly bonded old snow also. These can reach large size. 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+)



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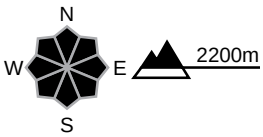
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a sometimes strong northerly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form. Avalanches can additionally in some places be released in the weakly bonded old snow also. These can 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 careful route selection.

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

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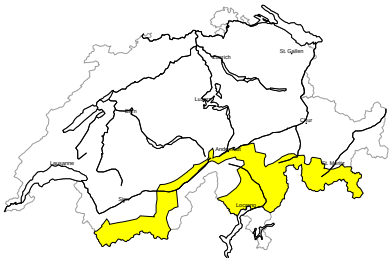
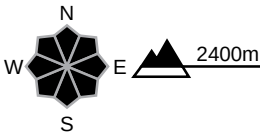
region C — Moderate (2=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

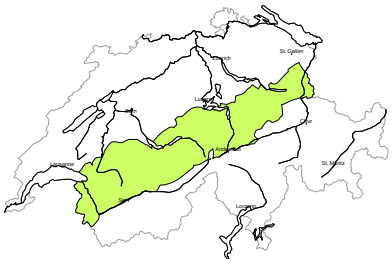
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

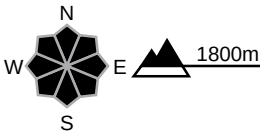
As a consequence of a sometimes strong northerly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form. Avalanches can additionally in isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow also. These can reach medium size. Isolated whumpfing sounds can indicate the danger.
Careful route selection is recommended.

region D — Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

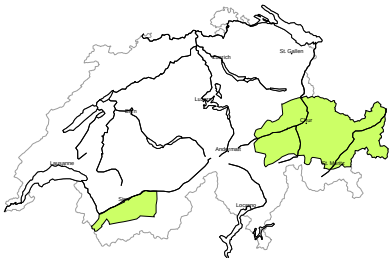
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

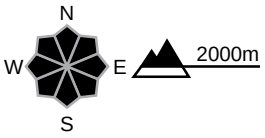
Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. As a consequence of northerly wind, small wind slabs will form in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in pass areas. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

region E — Low (1)



Persistent weak layers

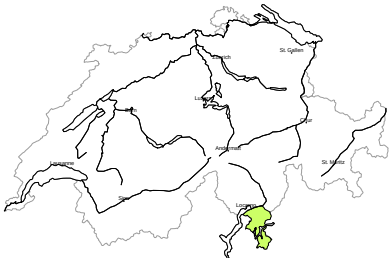
Avalanche prone locations



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 will form. 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 F — Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

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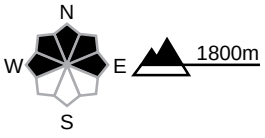

Danger description

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 small avalanche can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

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

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.
Snowpack structure is variable from region to region:

- On the Main Alpine Ridge in Valais and on the central southern flank of the Alps, last week's fresh and drifted snow has been deposited on a thin but weak old snowpack of faceted crystals. A few avalanches, some large, have been triggered by human activity over the last few days. Isolated avalanches may still be triggered 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. However, avalanches have only rarely been triggered in these layers. Smaller snowdrift accumulations from the last few days are still sometimes prone to triggering. On wind-protected shady slopes, the surface of the snowpack is faceted and loose.
- Snowpack structure is more favourable in the westernmost 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 Monday

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

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

Wind
Light to moderate south to southwesterly

Weather forecast to Tuesday

In central and eastern Switzerland, the low stratus cloud will advance down into the Alpine valleys. It will be sunny above 1500 to 1800 m and in the west and south.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between -8 °C in the east, -2 °C in the west and +1 °C in the south.

Wind
Often moderate, increasingly strong from the north on the Main Alpine Ridge and to the south of there

Outlook to Thursday

It will be sunny in the mountains on both days. On Wednesday, there will still be moderate northerly winds at times, with southwesterly winds developing on Thursday.
There will be hardly any change in avalanche risk.