Avalanche bulletin for Friday, 6. February 2026

Avalanche danger

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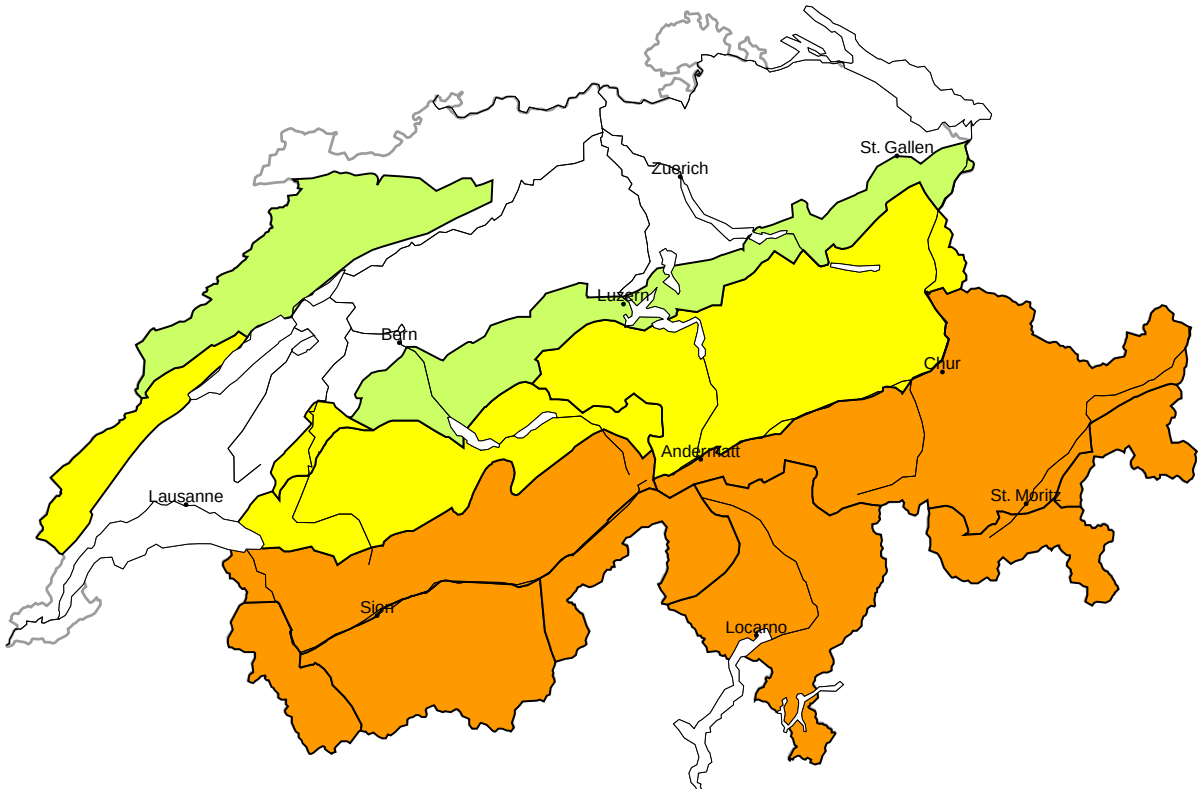
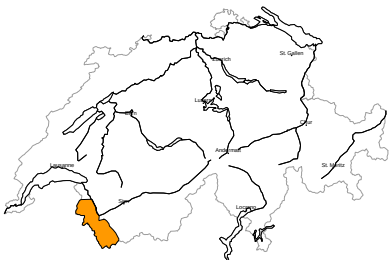


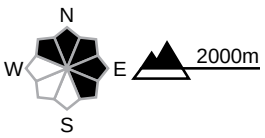
region A

Considerable (3+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

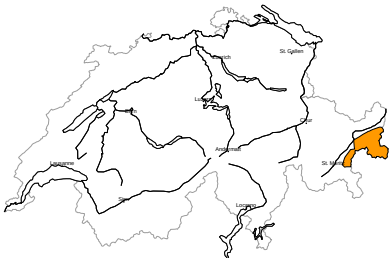
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

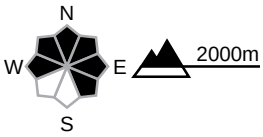
The new snow and wind slabs will be deposited on a weakly bonded old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. Even single winter sport participants can release avalanches. These can release deeper layers of the snowpack and reach large size. Natural avalanches are possible in isolated cases.
Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and caution.

region B — Considerable (3+)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



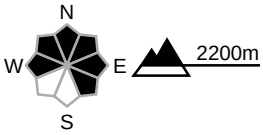
Danger description

Distinct weak layers in the old snowpack necessitate caution and restraint. Avalanches can be triggered in deep layers and reach large size in isolated cases. The avalanche prone locations are prevalent. Remotely triggered avalanches are to be expected. Whumpfing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack and fresh avalanches indicate the danger.
Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and restraint.

region C — Considerable (3=)

Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



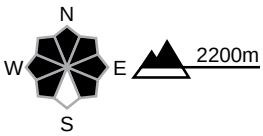
Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Even single snow sport participants can release avalanches. These can be triggered in deep layers and reach large size in isolated cases. Remotely triggered avalanches are possible. Whumpfing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack and fresh avalanches can indicate the danger.
Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and caution.

region D — Considerable (3=)

New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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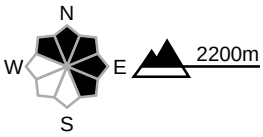
Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and caution.

region E — Considerable (3-)

Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

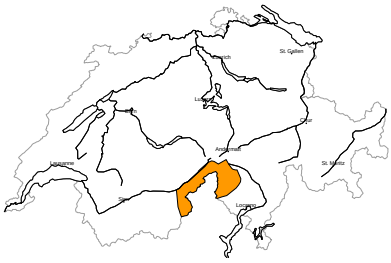
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

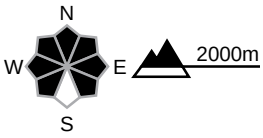
As a consequence of new snow and a moderate to strong westerly wind, sometimes easily released wind slabs will form. Avalanches can additionally be released in the old snowpack also. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack and in little used backcountry terrain. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized.
Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

region F — Considerable (3-)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

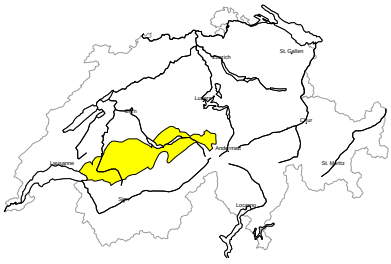
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

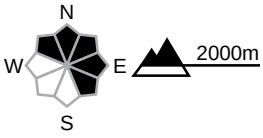
As a consequence of a strengthening northerly wind, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs will form in the course of the day. Avalanches can additionally in some places be released in the old snowpack also. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack and in little used backcountry terrain. Avalanches can reach large size in isolated cases.
Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

region G — Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of new snow and a moderate to strong westerly wind, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs will form. Avalanches can additionally in some places be released in the old snowpack also. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack and in little used backcountry terrain. Avalanches can reach medium size.
Backcountry touring calls for careful route selection.

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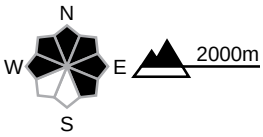
region H — Moderate (2=)

Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

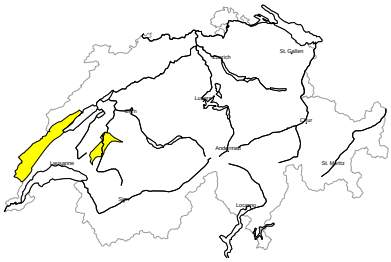
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

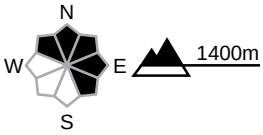
The wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence especially in very steep terrain. As a consequence of new snow and a moderate to strong westerly wind, rather small wind slabs will form in the course of the day as well. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Small and, in isolated cases, medium-sized avalanches are possible.
Careful route selection is recommended.

region I — Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

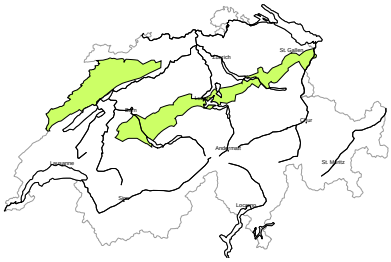
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

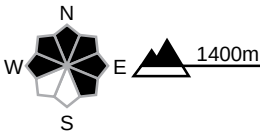
As a consequence of new snow and a moderate to strong westerly wind, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs will form. These are rather small. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in particular in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

region J — Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

In some localities mostly small wind slabs will form. Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain and on extremely steep slopes. Mostly avalanches are only small. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

Fresh snow and westerly winds are producing snowdrift accumulations in the west and north, the largest forming in the west, where the most snow is falling.
Snowpack structure is unfavourable in many locations in southern Valais, Ticino and Grisons, where this week's fresh and drifted snow is lying on an unfavourable old snowpack with pronounced weak layers. Reports of whumpfing sounds and avalanches triggered by human activity, some from a distance, are still being received from these regions. Snowpack structure is somewhat more favourable on the northern flank of the Alps and in northern Valais, but there are weak layers deeper in the snowpack in these regions too. These may still be triggered, especially where there is little snow and at transitions from a deep to shallow snowpack.

Weather review for Thursday

A light sprinkling of snow fell in the south during the night. Conditions were mostly sunny during the day.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, around -1°C

Wind
Mostly light at night, increasingly moderate southwesterly in the west during the day

Weather forecast to Friday

Snow will fall during the night in the west and south. There will be widespread snowfall in the north, Valais and Grisons during the day, while conditions will be very sunny in the south. The snowfall level will be around 1300 m.

Fresh snow
From Thursday evening to Friday afternoon above approximately 1500 m:
- extreme west and northern Lower Valais: 15 to 30 cm
- western Jura, western part of the northern flank of the Alps apart from the Prealps, rest of northern Valais, rest of Lower Valais: 10 to 20 cm
- elsewhere a widespread 5 to 10 cm

Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, around -1°C

Wind
- Strong foehn wind for a time at night on the Main Alpine Ridge and north of there
- During the day, moderate to strong westerly in the north; light to moderate northwesterly in the south

Outlook for Saturday and Sunday

Overnight to Saturday, a little snow will continue to fall in the north above 1300 m. Conditions during the day will be very sunny with sunny conditions continuing until early on Sunday. In the afternoon, clouds will gather from the west and south. There will be a mostly light wind on both days.
Avalanche risk will decrease but only very slowly in southern Valais, Ticino and Grisons due to the distinct and persistent weak layers.