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Avalanche danger

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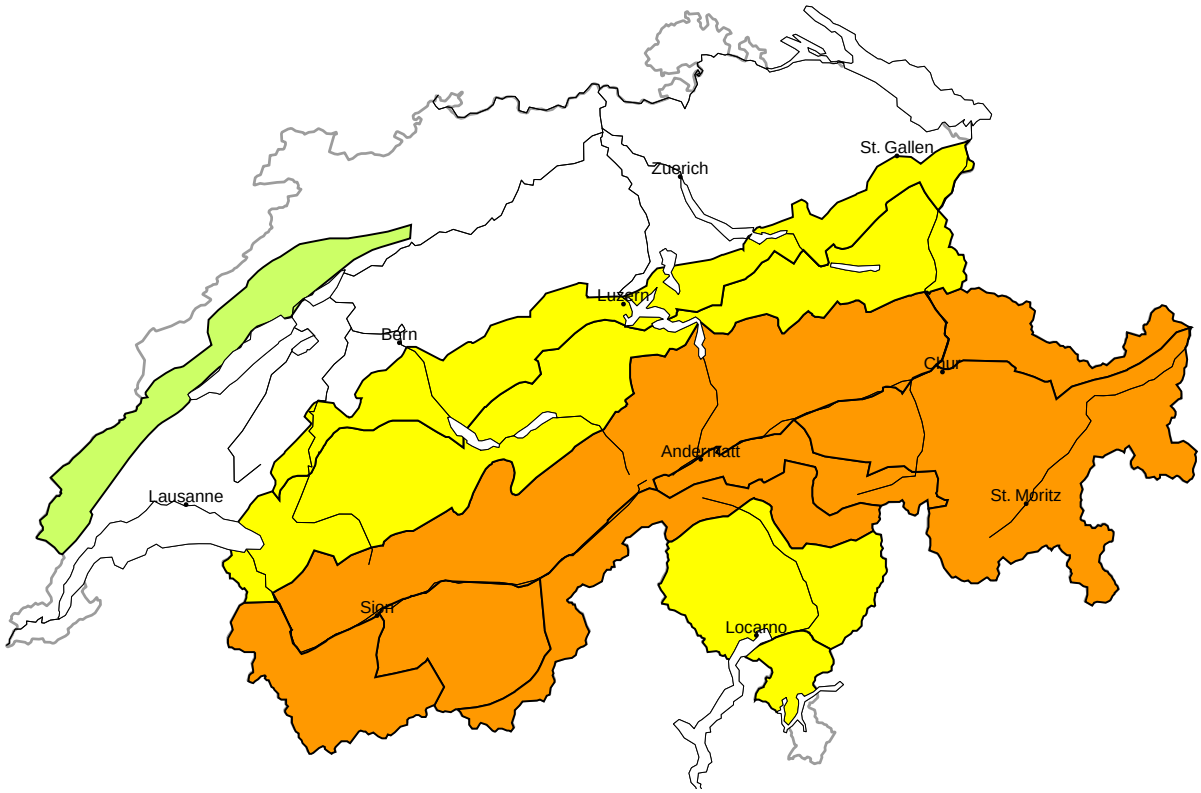

Danger levels 1 low 2 moderate 3 considerable 4 high 5 very high

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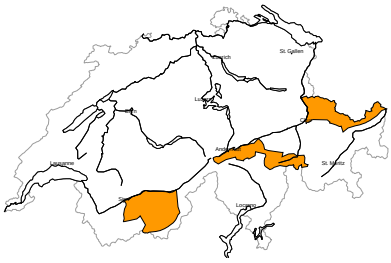
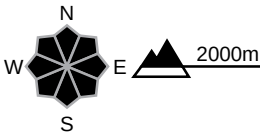
region A



Considerable (3=)

Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



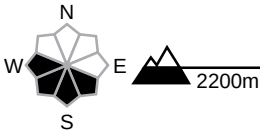
Danger description

Distinct weak layers exist in the bottom section of the snowpack. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant. They can be triggered in near-ground layers and reach large size. Whumpfing sounds can indicate the danger. Remotely triggered avalanches are possible.
The weather will be very warm. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual natural avalanches are possible as the day progresses, even large ones.
The conditions are precarious for backcountry touring and other off-piste activities outside marked and open pistes.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The weather will be very mild. On steep grassy slopes gliding avalanches are possible. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided. In addition as the day progresses in particular on south and west facing slopes, wet avalanches are possible. Avalanches can in some cases reach large size.

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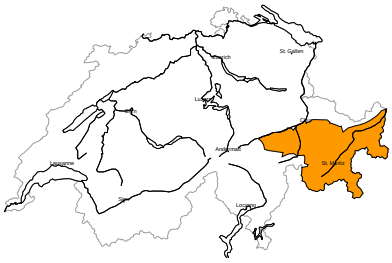
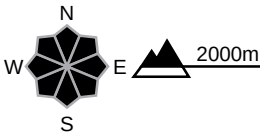
region B

Considerable (3=)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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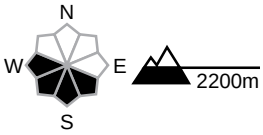
Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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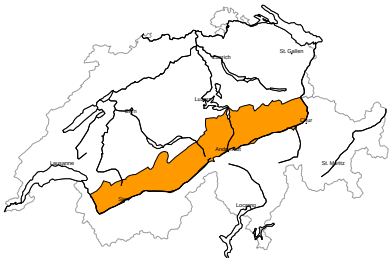
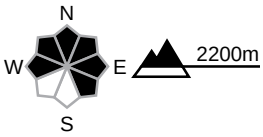


Considerable (3-)

Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



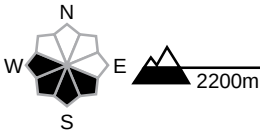
Danger description

Winter sport participants can release avalanches. These can be triggered in deep layers and reach dangerously large size. The avalanche prone locations are rather rare but are barely recognisable. Caution is to be exercised in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow, and at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack, when entering gullies and bowls for example. The weather will be very warm. As a consequence of warming during the day and the solar radiation, the likelihood of dry avalanches being released will increase a little.
Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for caution.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations

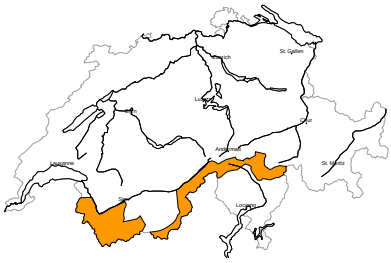


Danger description

The weather will be very mild. On steep grassy slopes gliding avalanches are possible. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided. In addition as the day progresses in particular on south and west facing slopes, wet avalanches are possible. Avalanches can in some cases reach large size.

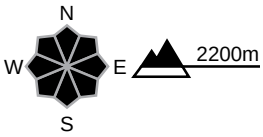
region D

Considerable (3-)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



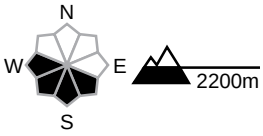
Danger description

Distinct weak layers exist in the bottom section of the snowpack. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches in some places. These can be triggered in deep layers and reach dangerously large size. Remotely triggered avalanches are possible in isolated cases. Caution is to be exercised in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow, as well as at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack.
The weather will be very warm. As a consequence of warming during the day and the solar radiation, the likelihood of dry avalanches being released will increase a little.
Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations

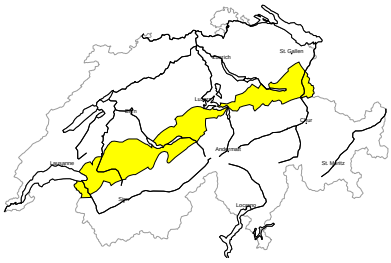


Danger description

The weather will be very mild. On steep grassy slopes gliding avalanches are possible. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided. In addition as the day progresses in particular on south and west facing slopes, wet avalanches are possible. Avalanches can in some cases reach large size.

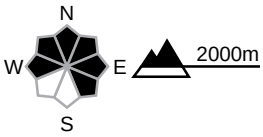
region E

Moderate (2+)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

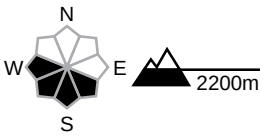


Danger description
Winter sport participants can release avalanches in some places. These can be triggered in deep layers and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are difficult to recognise. Caution is to be exercised in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow, and in steep rocky terrain.
Careful route selection is required.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description
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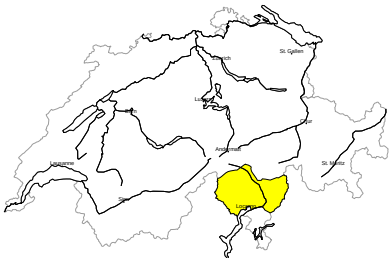
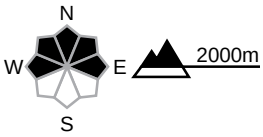
region F

Moderate (2+)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations

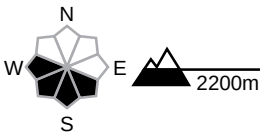


Danger description
Distinct weak layers exist in the snowpack especially on shady slopes. Winter sport participants can release avalanches in some places. These can be triggered in deep layers and reach large size in isolated cases.
The weather will be very warm. As a consequence of warming during the day and the solar radiation, the likelihood of dry avalanches being released will increase a little.
Defensive route selection is advisable.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow, Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description
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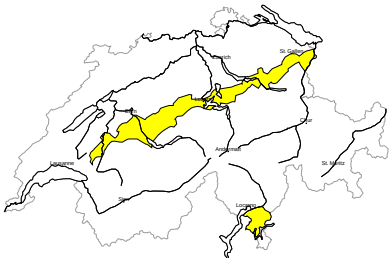
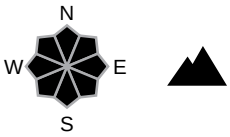
region G — Moderate (2)



Gliding snow

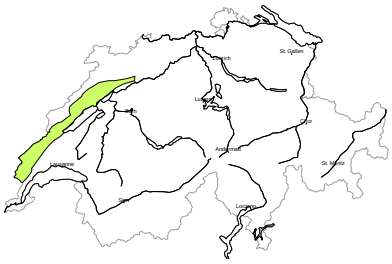
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

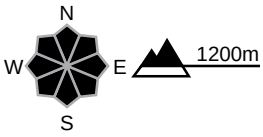
The weather will be very mild. On steep grassy slopes gliding avalanches are possible, in particular medium-sized ones. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

region H — Low (1)



Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The weather will be very mild. On steep grassy slopes individual gliding avalanches are possible. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

Snowpack and weather

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Snowpack

North of a line from the Rhône to the Rhine and in the extreme west of Lower Valais, 2 to 3.5 m of snow have fallen over the last two weeks. As a result, weak layers in the old snowpack below are thickly covered and can only rarely be triggered by human activity. However, avalanches may become very large.
South of a line from the Rhône to the Rhine, the persistent weak layers that have persisted since the beginning of January are still pronounced. In many places, the surface of the snowpack is compact or load-bearing. The snowpack therefore appears more stable and danger signs such as cracks or whumpfing sounds become less frequent. However, the low-lying weak layers still exist and avalanches can still be triggered by human activity and become large. In Grisons, avalanche-prone locations are still common. In southern Valais, the significant weak layers in the lower part of the snowpack are mostly rather more thickly covered. Avalanche-prone locations where avalanches can be triggered in the weak old snowpack are therefore less frequent and mainly located in areas with relatively little snow.
During the clear night, a crust forms on the surface of the snowpack in many places. In the early morning, this is stable on the south side up to around 2500 m, and on the east and west sides up to around 2300 m. The crust softens quickly as a result of solar radiation. With the rise in temperature through the day, the likelihood of dry slab avalanches being triggered increases slightly. In addition, gliding avalanches are possible on steep grassy slopes and wet avalanches on sunny slopes.

Weather review for Thursday

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 +5 °C

Wind
Light

Weather forecast to Friday

After a clear night, it will be sunny and will continue to be mild with a zero-degree level at around 3000 m.

Fresh snow
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Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between +7 °C in the north and +5 °C in the south

Wind
Light

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Outlook to Sunday

During the night into Saturday it will be mostly clear, while during the day it will be sunny at first, with clouds gathering from the west in the afternoon. Overnight to Sunday, it will be mostly cloudy and there will be some precipitation in the north, falling above approximately 1400 m as snow. It will be sunny at times during the day on Sunday. It will remain cloudy in the south and there will be some precipitation. There will be a light and at times moderate southwesterly wind on both days.
The danger of dry avalanches will continue to decrease, but only very slowly in southern Valais, Ticino and Grisons due to the pronounced weak layers.
Furthermore, gliding avalanches are possible, and also wet avalanches on sunny slopes, especially on Sunday after an overcast night. These may become large in the west and north.