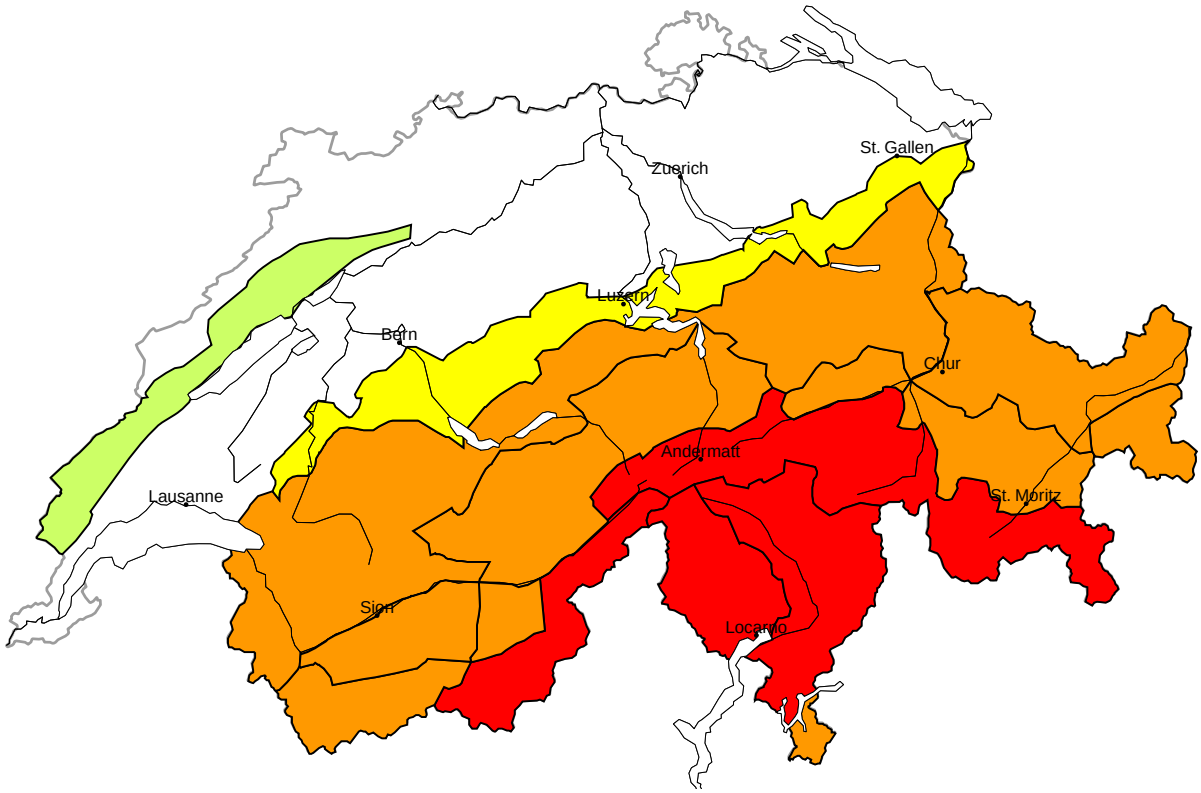
Avalanche danger

updated on 15.3.2026, 08:00

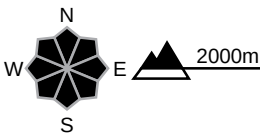


region A

High (4-)

New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



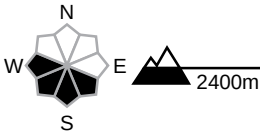
Danger description

The danger exists in particular in alpine snow sports terrain. The large quantity of fresh snow and the wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Isolated natural avalanches are to be expected. These can be triggered in deep layers and reach large size.
Even single winter sport participants can release avalanches very easily. Remotely triggered avalanches are to be expected. The conditions are dangerous for backcountry touring and other off-piste activities.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

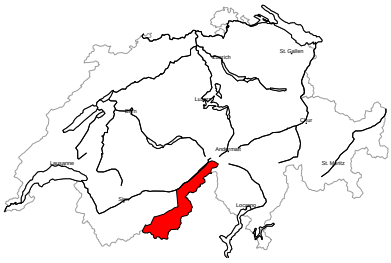
As a consequence of solar radiation numerous moist loose snow avalanches are to be expected as the day progresses, even medium-sized ones.

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

Avalanche bulletin for Sunday, 15. March 2026

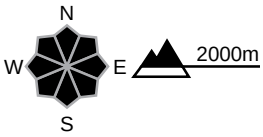
region B

High (4-)



New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



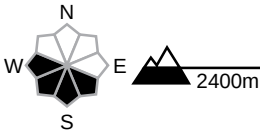
Danger description

The large quantity of fresh snow and the wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Isolated natural avalanches are to be expected. These can be triggered in deep layers and reach very large size in particular on shady slopes. Transportation routes situated at higher altitudes in particular are endangered in isolated cases.
Even single winter sport participants can release avalanches very easily, including large ones. Remotely triggered avalanches are to be expected. The conditions are dangerous for backcountry touring and other off-piste activities.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

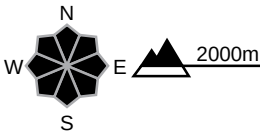
As a consequence of solar radiation numerous moist loose snow avalanches are to be expected as the day progresses, even medium-sized ones.

region C

High (4-)

New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The large quantity of fresh snow and the wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Isolated natural avalanches are to be expected. These can be triggered in deep layers and reach very large size in particular on shady slopes. Transportation routes situated at higher altitudes in particular are endangered in isolated cases.
Even single winter sport participants can release avalanches very easily, including large ones. Remotely triggered avalanches are to be expected. The conditions are dangerous for backcountry touring and other off-piste activities.

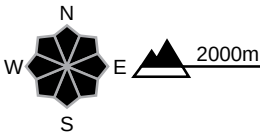
Avalanche bulletin for Sunday, 15. March 2026

region D

High (4-)

New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

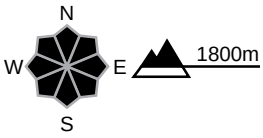
The danger exists in particular in alpine snow sports terrain. The large quantity of fresh snow and the wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Isolated natural avalanches are to be expected. These can be triggered in deep layers and reach large size.
Even single winter sport participants can release avalanches very easily. Remotely triggered avalanches are to be expected. The conditions are dangerous for backcountry touring and other off-piste activities.

region E

Considerable (3+)

New snow

Avalanche prone locations



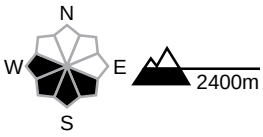
Danger description

The large quantity of fresh snow and the wind slabs are lying on surface hoar in some places on wind-protected shady slopes. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches easily, including large ones.
The conditions are critical for backcountry touring and other off-piste activities.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow

Avalanche prone locations



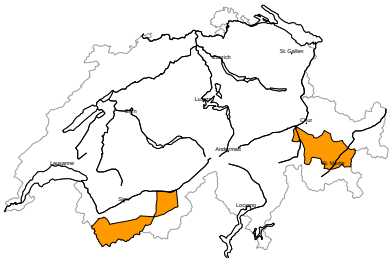
Danger description

As a consequence of solar radiation numerous moist loose snow avalanches are to be expected as the day progresses, even medium-sized ones.

Avalanche bulletin for Sunday, 15. March 2026

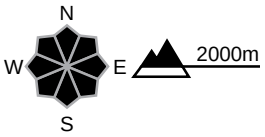
region F

Considerable (3+)



New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



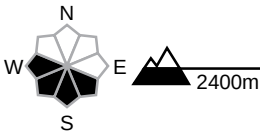
Danger description

The new snow is lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Avalanches can be triggered in deep layers and reach large size. Individual natural avalanches are possible.
Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and restraint.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

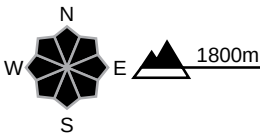
As a consequence of solar radiation numerous moist loose snow avalanches are to be expected as the day progresses, even medium-sized ones.

region G

Considerable (3+)

New snow

Avalanche prone locations

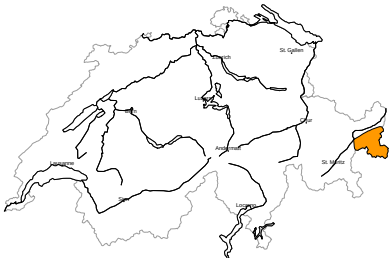


Danger description

The large quantity of fresh snow and the wind slabs are lying on surface hoar in some places on wind-protected shady slopes. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches easily, including large ones.
The conditions are critical for backcountry touring and other off-piste activities.

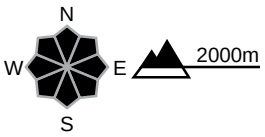
region H

Considerable (3+)



New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



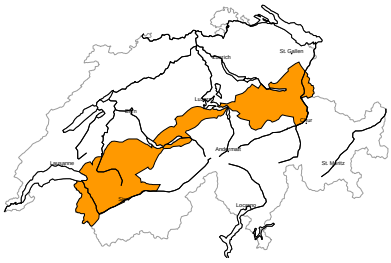
Danger description

The new snow is lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Avalanches can be triggered in deep layers and reach large size. Individual natural avalanches are possible.
Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant. Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and restraint.

Avalanche bulletin for Sunday, 15. March 2026

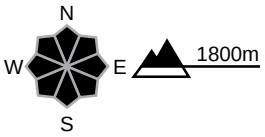
region I

Considerable (3=)



New snow

Avalanche prone locations



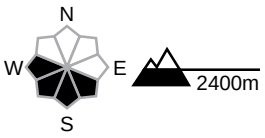
Danger description

The fresh snow and the wind slabs are lying on surface hoar in some places on wind-protected shady slopes. Winter sport participants can release avalanches easily. They can in isolated cases reach large size. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

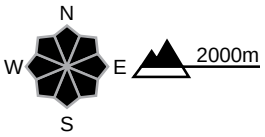
As a consequence of solar radiation numerous moist loose snow avalanches are to be expected as the day progresses, even medium-sized ones.

region J

Considerable (3=)

New snow, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



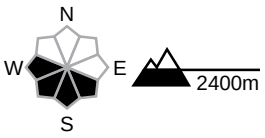
Danger description

The new snow is lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Avalanches can be released in deep layers and reach large size. Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant.
Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow

Avalanche prone locations

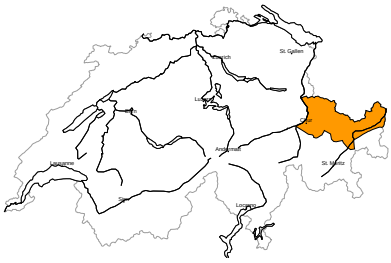


Danger description

As a consequence of solar radiation numerous moist loose snow avalanches are to be expected as the day progresses, even medium-sized ones.

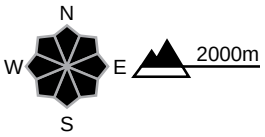
Avalanche bulletin for Sunday, 15. March 2026

region K — Considerable (3=)



New snow, Persistent weak layers

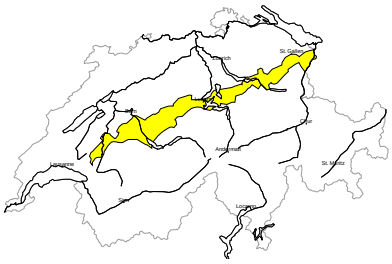
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

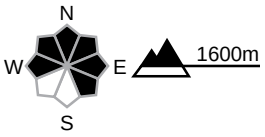
The new snow is lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. Avalanches can be released in deep layers and reach large size. Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant.
Backcountry touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

region L — Moderate (2=)



New snow

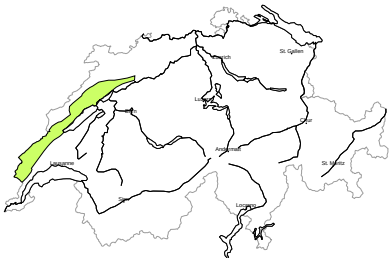
Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

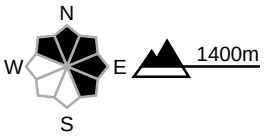
The new snow is in some cases prone to triggering. Winter sport participants can release avalanches in some places, including medium-sized ones. Careful route selection is recommended.

region M — Low (1)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The wind slabs are in some cases prone to triggering. Mostly avalanches are small. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the 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.

Snowpack and weather

updated on 14.3.2026, 17:00

Snowpack

The old snowpack contains coarse-grained weak layers in many places. North of a line from the Rhône to the Rhine, these are thickly covered and are only triggerable in isolated cases. The main danger here stems from the fresh and drifted snow which, on northern slopes, has in places been deposited on surface hoar. South of a line from the Rhône to the Rhine, breaks in the deeper weak layers are again expected with the sometimes large amounts of fresh snow over the weekend, and, as a result, avalanches in these areas may sometimes become very large.

Weather review for Saturday

Saturday saw mostly heavy cloud and widespread precipitation, which was heavy in the south during the day. The snowfall level dropped from 1300 m to low altitudes in the north and from 1600 to 1300 m in the south.

Fresh snow
Up until Saturday afternoon, above 1800 m:
- main Alpine ridge from the Simplon region to the San Bernardino Pass and south of there: 20 to 40 cm, in western Ticino up to 50 cm
- western and central parts of the northern flank of the Alps, Lower Valais, Val Bregaglia: 10 to 25 cm
- elsewhere less, dry in northern Grisons and Lower Engadine

Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between -6 °C in the northwest and -1 °C in the southeast

Wind
- Often strong from southerly directions, light to moderate northwesterly during the day in the west and on the northern flank of the Alps
- In the Jura, strong to storm-force southwesterly overnight and northwesterly during the day

Weather forecast to Sunday

There will be widespread precipitation during the night, which will be very heavy in the south, and will also spread northwards well over the main Alpine ridge due to the countercurrent situation. Precipitation will continue during the day in the south, but will be less heavy. In other regions there will be sunny intervals. The north will see snowfall down to low altitudes, while in the south snow will fall above 800 to 1200 m.

Fresh snow
From Saturday afternoon until precipitation ends on Sunday, above 1000 m in the north and 1500 m in the south:
- main Alpine ridge from the Monte Rosa region to the San Bernardino Pass and south of there, Val Bregaglia to Bernina Pass: 50 to 70 cm, in western Ticino up to 80 cm
- main Alpine ridge in Lower Valais, rest of Upper Valais, northern flank of the Alps from the eastern Bernese Oberland to the Glarus Alps excluding the Prealps, central Grisons, rest of Upper Engadine and Val Poschiavo: 30 to 50 cm
- elsewhere a widespread 20 to 30 cm, less in the Jura, the Vaud and Fribourg Alps and Lower Engadine

Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between -6 °C in the north and -2 °C in the south

Wind
- Moderate easterly overnight, sometimes strong in the south
- Moderate and locally strong southerly during the day at high altitudes

Avalanche bulletin for Sunday, 15. March 2026

Outlook to Tuesday

In the north, Monday morning will see sunny intervals before becoming very cloudy. Between midday on Monday and Tuesday morning, 5 to 15 cm of snow will fall on the northern flank of the Alps above 800 m. Tuesday will see residual clouds in the east at the beginning, while otherwise conditions will be sunny. Both days will be sunny in the south. During the day on Monday the wind will be a moderate to strong westerly, while overnight to Tuesday the wind will be a strong northerly at high altitudes, occasionally storm-force in the south, transporting the often loose fresh snow from the weekend. Avalanche danger will generally decrease. With the strong wind, however, snowdrift accumulations that are prone to triggering will develop, on Monday in the north and on Tuesday in the south. Where there is sunshine, the new snow will also make moist avalanches likely, with these becoming numerous and occasionally large on Monday in the south.