Avalanche bulletin for Tuesday, 17. March 2026

Avalanche danger

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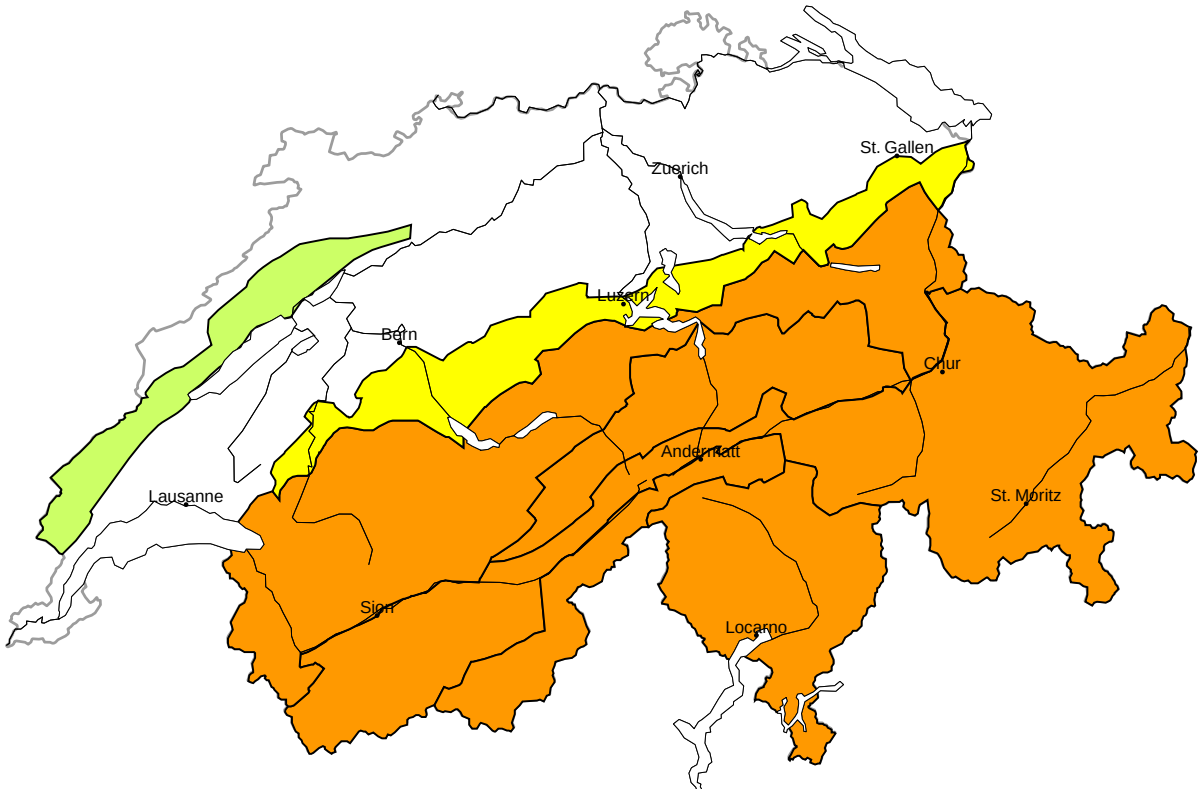
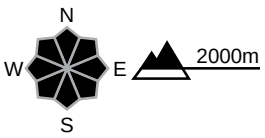


region A

Considerable (3=)

New snow, Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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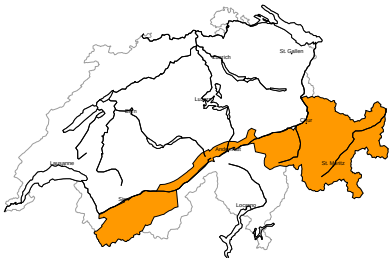
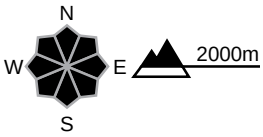
region B

Considerable (3=)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



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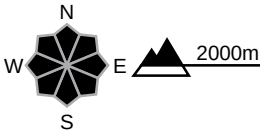
region C

Considerable (3=)

Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



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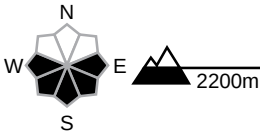
Moderate (2)

Wet snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

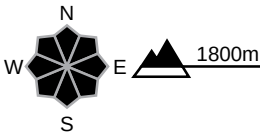
As a consequence of solar radiation moist snow slides and avalanches are possible as the day progresses. They can reach large size in isolated cases. In addition individual gliding avalanches are possible.

region D

Considerable (3=)

Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



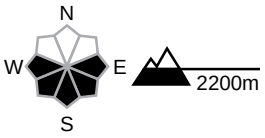
Danger description

As a consequence of a strong northerly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs formed. Even single winter sport participants can release avalanches. Additionally to some extent avalanches can also be released in the old snowpack and reach large size. Whumpfing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. Remotely triggered avalanches are possible. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and caution.

Moderate (2)

Wet snow

Avalanche prone locations



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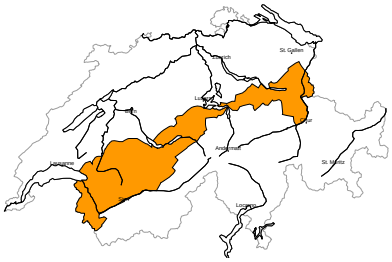
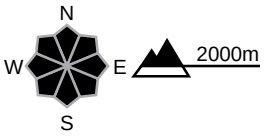
region E



Considerable (3-)

New snow, Wind slab

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 in some places. Mostly these are medium-sized. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

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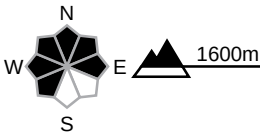
region F

Moderate (2=)

Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations

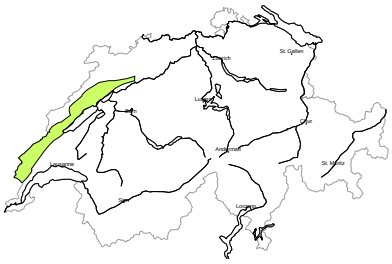


Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases prone to triggering. Winter sport participants can release avalanches in some places, including medium-sized ones. Careful route selection is recommended.

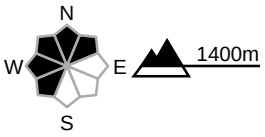
region G

Low (1)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The mostly small wind slabs of the last few days are in individual cases still 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

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Snowpack

On wind-protected shady slopes, the fresh snow from the weekend is lying on surface hoar in some places. In addition, the loose fresh snow was transported by strong winds from different directions and snowdrift accumulations have formed that are prone to triggering.
In the inneralpine regions of Valais and Grisons, these layers of fresh and drifted snow are also lying on a weak old snowpack with pronounced weak layers near the ground. Avalanches can sometimes propagate into these deep weak layers or be triggered directly in these layers in isolated cases. In the other regions, there are still weak layers in the near-ground old snowpack in some places on shady slopes. However, the weak layers are mostly so thickly covered here that they are hardly prone to triggering.

Weather review for Monday

The night was partly cloudy. During the day, it was quite sunny in the south and often cloudy in the north.

Fresh snow
A few centimetres locally

Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, around -3 °C in the north and 0 °C in the south

Wind
- In the north, mostly moderate from southwest to northwest
- In the south, increasingly strong northerly wind in the afternoon

Weather forecast to Tuesday

During the night into Tuesday, there will be some precipitation in the east. The snowfall level will be around 1000 m. It will be sunny in all regions during the day.

Fresh snow
From Monday afternoon to Tuesday morning above approximately 1500 m:
- eastern part of the northern flank of the Alps, northern Grisons: around 5 cm
- elsewhere less or dry

Temperature
At midday at 2000 m, between +2 °C in the west and -2 °C in the east

Wind
- Moderate to strong northerly wind at high altitudes
- During the night into Tuesday, strong northerly foehn wind in the Alpine valleys of the south
- Moderate Bise wind in the Jura

Outlook to Thursday

On Wednesday and Thursday, it will be mostly sunny after a clear night. During the night into Wednesday, there will be strong winds from the northeast to southeast at high altitudes. Otherwise, the wind will be mostly moderate from the northeast to east. Around midday on both days, the zero-degree level will be around 2200 m in the north and 1800 m in the south.
The danger of dry avalanches will decrease. With the solar radiation and the daytime warming, the danger of wet avalanches will increase somewhat over the course of the day.