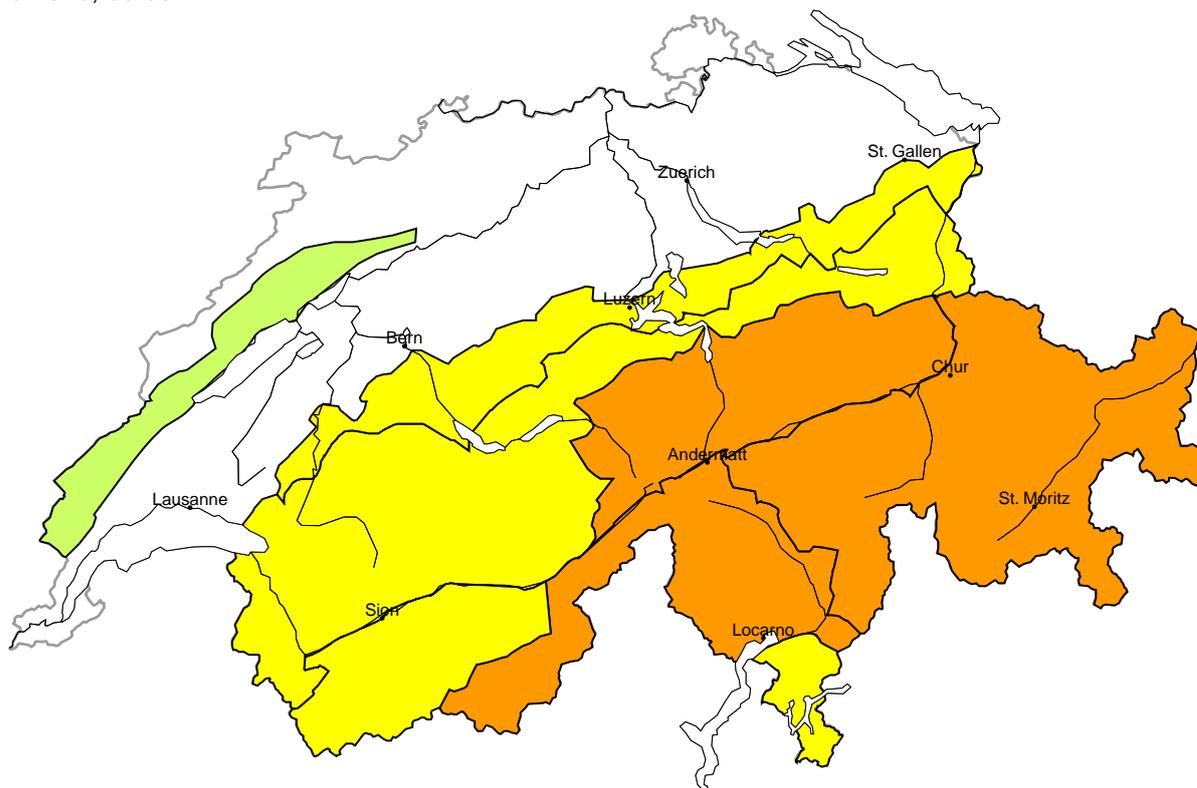


Avalanche danger

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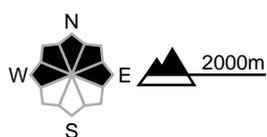


region A Considerable (3-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



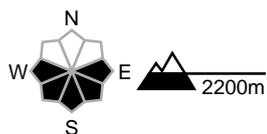
Danger description

As a consequence of a sometimes strong southeasterly wind, rather small wind slabs will form. The 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. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. 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 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 B

Considerable (3-)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. This also applies on sunny slopes at elevated altitudes. 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. This applies in particular on shady slopes, as well as at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack. 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 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 C

Considerable (3-)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. As a consequence of a sometimes strong southeasterly wind, further wind slabs will form in some localities. The fresh snow and the wind slabs are lying on surface hoar in some places on wind-protected shady slopes. Even single winter sport participants can release avalanches easily. Whumpung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. Remotely triggered avalanches are possible. Additionally in some places avalanches can also penetrate near-ground layers of the snowpack and 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



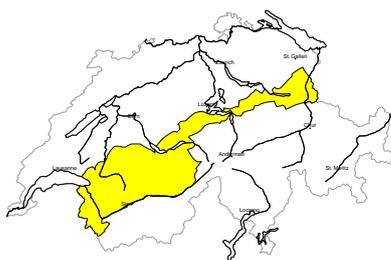
Danger description

As a consequence of solar radiation 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

Moderate (2+)



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. As a consequence of a sometimes strong southeasterly wind, further wind slabs will form in the course of the day in some localities. Winter sport participants can release avalanches in some places. Mostly these are medium-sized. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection. The fresh wind slabs are to be bypassed as far as possible.

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 E

Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



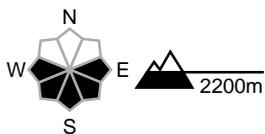
Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. As a consequence of a sometimes strong southeasterly wind, further wind slabs will form in the course of the day in some localities. Winter sport participants can release avalanches in some places. They can also penetrate deep layers and reach large size in isolated cases. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

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.



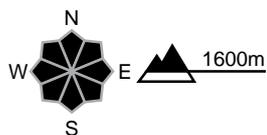
region F

Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches in some places. Additionally in very isolated cases avalanches can also be released in the old snowpack and reach large size. This applies in particular on steep shady slopes at elevated altitudes. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for careful route selection.

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 G

Moderate (2-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



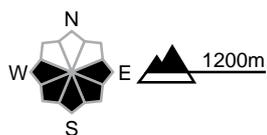
Danger description

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are in some cases prone to triggering. Winter sport participants can release avalanches in some places. Mostly these are small. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised as well in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



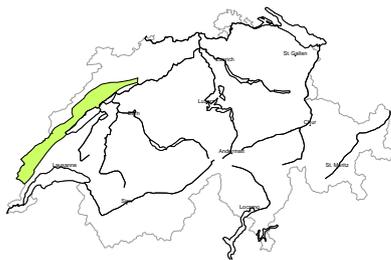
Danger description

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



region H

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.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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



Snowpack and weather

updated on 17.3.2026, 17:00

Snowpack

On wind-protected shady slopes, the weekend's fresh snow is lying on surface hoar in some places. Loose fresh snow is additionally being transported by strong winds from variable directions resulting in the formation of snowdrift accumulations that are prone to triggering. Further small-scale snowdrift accumulations will form in Wednesday's strong southerly winds. In the inneralpine regions of Valais and Grisons, the layers of fresh and drifted snow are also lying on a weak old snowpack with pronounced near-ground weak layers. Avalanches can sometimes propagate into these deep weak layers or be triggered there directly in isolated cases. In other regions, weak layers in old near-ground snowpack still remain in places on shady slopes but are now mainly so thickly covered that they are largely insensitive to triggering.

Weather review for Tuesday

Overnight to Tuesday, there was broken cloud in the east with a little snow falling above 1200 m. Elsewhere the night was mainly clear. During the day, conditions were mainly sunny while the east became increasingly sunny once any remaining cloud had broken up.

Fresh snow

Central and eastern parts of the northern flank of the Alps, northern Grisons: 2 to 5 cm

Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around +1 °C in the west and south and -4 °C in the east.

Wind

- At high altitudes, moderate to strong, mostly moderate from northerly directions during the day
- Moderate to strong northerly foehn wind in the Alpine valleys of the south overnight to Tuesday
- Moderate to strong bise wind in the Jura

Weather forecast to Wednesday

Skies will mainly be clear overnight to Wednesday with broken cloud over central and southern Ticino. Conditions will mainly be sunny during the day and increasingly sunny as the day progresses in the far south.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around 0 °C in the north and -2 °C in the south

Wind

- Mainly moderate northerly to northeasterly overnight to Wednesday
- Moderate to strong easterly to southeasterly during the day
- Moderate southerly foehn wind during the day in the upper foehn valleys of the north.
- Strong bise wind in the Jura

Outlook to Friday

After clear nights in the mountains, conditions will mainly be sunny on Thursday and Friday with broken cloud cover developing on Friday especially in the south. There will be a light to moderate northeasterly to easterly wind. The zero-degree level will be about 2000 m around midday on both days.

The danger of dry avalanches will decrease, but only slowly on shady slopes. With solar radiation and daytime warming, the danger of wet avalanches will increase somewhat on steep sunny slopes over the course of each day. Isolated gliding avalanches will be possible.