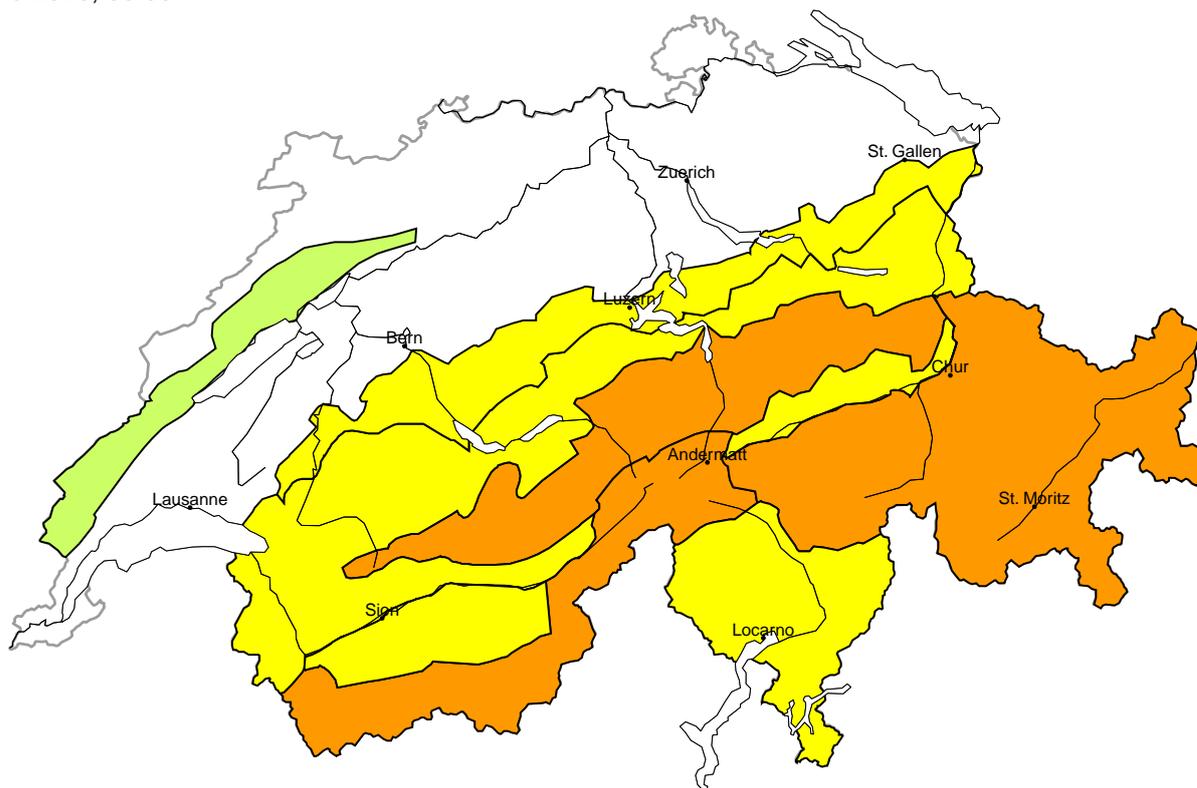


Avalanche danger

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region A Considerable (3-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

As a consequence of a strong to storm force southeasterly wind, further wind slabs formed on Wednesday in particular at elevated altitudes. The fresh and older wind slabs are prone to triggering. 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 and 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 B

Considerable (3-)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The fresh and older wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant. Additionally in isolated cases avalanches can also be released in deep layers and reach large size. This applies in particular in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. 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

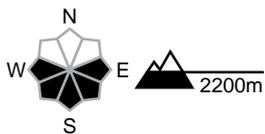
As a consequence of a sometimes strong southeasterly wind, further wind slabs formed on Wednesday. The fresh snow of the weekend and the wind slabs are lying on surface hoar in some places on wind-protected shady slopes. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches. Avalanches can in some cases penetrate near-ground layers of the snowpack and reach large size. Whumpfung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger.

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

As a consequence of a sometimes strong southeasterly wind, further wind slabs formed on Wednesday. The fresh and older wind slabs are in some cases prone to triggering. 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



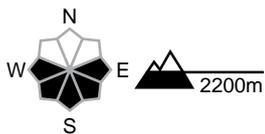
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Moderate (2)

Wet snow

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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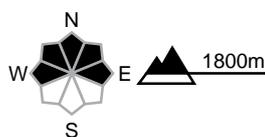
region F

Moderate (2+)



Persistent weak layers

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

In isolated cases dry avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach large size. These avalanche prone locations are rare but are difficult to recognise. This applies in particular in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow, and at transitions into gullies and bowls. Defensive route selection is appropriate.

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 individual cases still prone to triggering. Mostly avalanches are 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.

Low (1)

Gliding snow

Avalanche prone locations



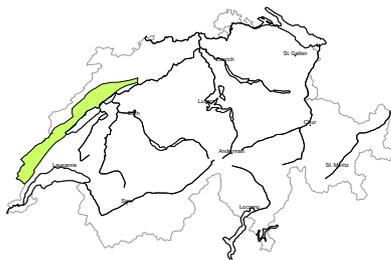
Danger description

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)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in extremely steep terrain. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give 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

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Snowpack

Near-surface layers on wind-protected shady slopes are lying on surface hoar in places. During the course of this week, snowdrift accumulations have formed in winds from varying directions, with Wednesday's strong winds being from the southeast. The snowdrift accumulations are particularly prone to triggering on shady slopes.

In the inneralpine regions of Valais and Grisons, the layers of fresh and drifted snow are additionally 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 Wednesday

After a mainly clear night, conditions were mostly sunny, with broken cloud in the west and south. Cloud cover was thicker in places on the main Alpine ridge in Upper Valais. There was a light sprinkling of snow locally above around 1300 m, especially in the Simplon region.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around 0 °C in the west and south and -3 °C in the east.

Wind

- Moderate north to northeasterly during the night
- Veering moderate to strong southeasterly on Wednesday morning, occasionally strong to storm-force along the northern Alpine ridge
- Occasionally moderate to strong foehn wind in the foehn valleys of the north
- Strong bise wind in the Jura

Weather forecast to Thursday

After a clear night, conditions will be sunny in the mountains. Cumulus cloud will develop during the day along the Prealps.

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

- Light to moderate northeasterly
- Light to moderate Bise wind in the Jura

Outlook to Saturday

Overnight to Friday, conditions will mostly be clear while during the day it will be sunny with broken cloud in the afternoon. There will be a light to moderate northeasterly wind. Overnight to Saturday, conditions will be partly cloudy, especially in the south, otherwise mostly clear. Variable cloud cover with sunny intervals and local showers is expected during the day. The snowfall level will be around 1200 m and the northeasterly wind will remain light to moderate. Saturday's weather conditions are, however, still uncertain.

The danger of dry avalanches will decrease. As daytime temperatures rise in the sunshine, the danger of wet avalanches will increase somewhat on steep sunny slopes over the course of each day. Isolated gliding avalanches will be possible.