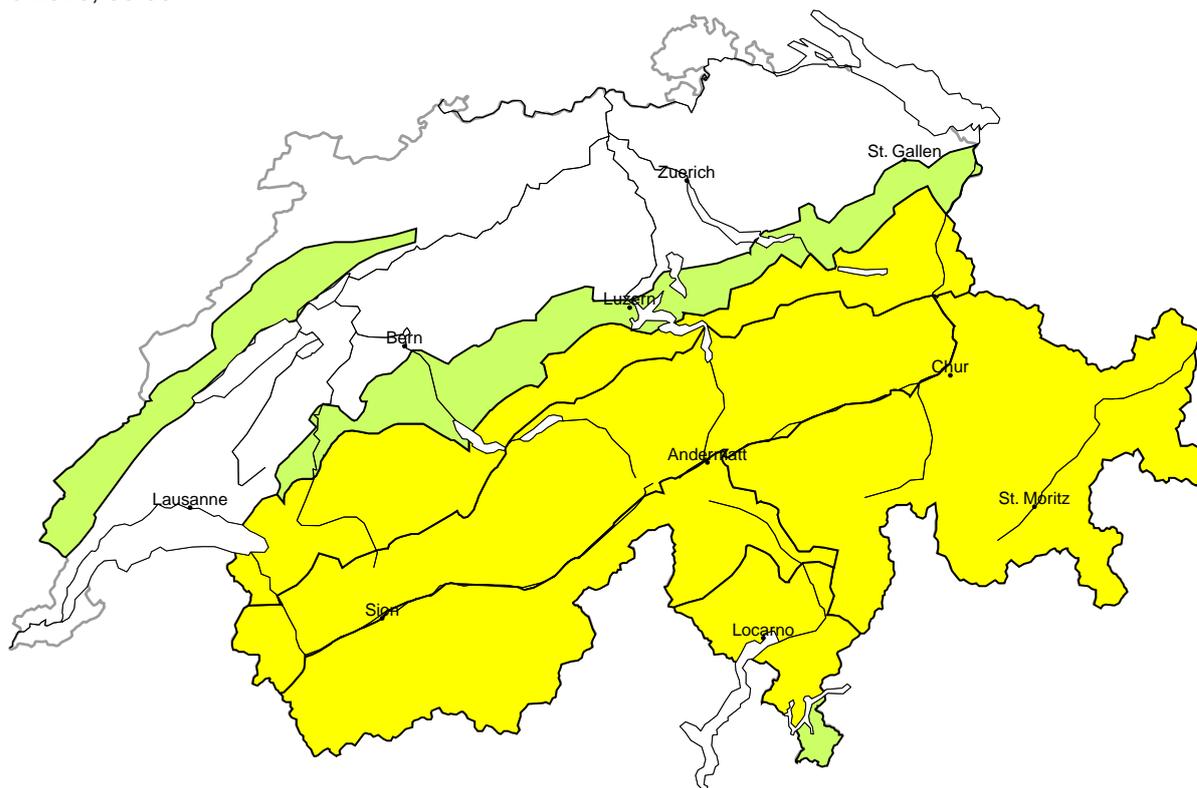


Avalanche danger

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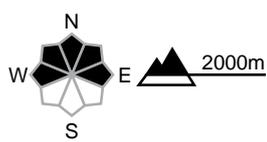


region A Moderate (2+)



Wind slab

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

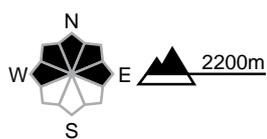
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region B Moderate (2+)



Wind slab, Persistent weak layers

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. These avalanche prone locations are rare but are difficult to recognise. Caution is to be exercised in particular in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. Defensive route selection is appropriate.

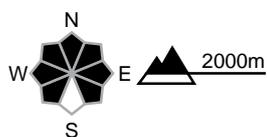
region C

Moderate (2+)

Wind slab, Persistent weak layers



Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

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. These 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 and careful route selection.

region D

Moderate (2=)

Wind slab



Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

The somewhat older wind slabs are in individual cases still prone to triggering. Winter sport participants can release avalanches in some places. These are rather small. Caution is to be exercised in particular in pass areas, as well as in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain.

region E

Moderate (2=)

Persistent weak layers



Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

In isolated cases dry avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size. These avalanche prone locations are rare but are difficult to recognise. They are to be found in particular on rather lightly snow-covered shady slopes and at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack.

Careful route selection is advisable.



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2 moderate



3 considerable



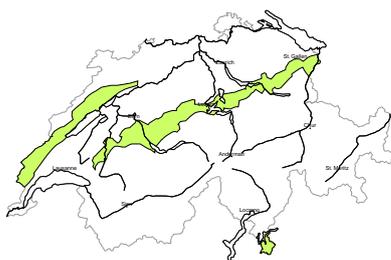
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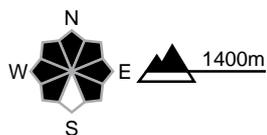
region F

Low (1)



No distinct avalanche problem

Avalanche prone locations



Danger description

Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular in extremely steep terrain. In addition individual wet snow slides are possible. Mostly avalanches are small. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.



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. Some of the snowdrift accumulations are still prone to triggering.

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 propagate into these deep weak layers in isolated cases or can be triggered directly in deep layers. In the other regions, there are still weak layers in the near-ground old snowpack in some places on shady slopes, but they are mostly so thickly covered that they are hardly prone to triggering.

Weather review for Thursday

After a clear night, it was mostly sunny.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, between +3 °C in the west and -1 °C in the east

Wind

From southeast to east

- Moderate to strong overnight, especially on the northern Alpine ridge
- Mostly light during the day

Weather forecast to Friday

After a clear night, it will be mostly sunny in the mountains. Over the course of the day, cumulus clouds will form, especially in the Prealps.

Fresh snow

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Temperature

At midday at 2000 m, around 0 °C in the west and -2 °C in the east

Wind

Mostly light from northeasterly directions

Outlook to Sunday

In the north, it will be quite sunny on Saturday and partly sunny on Sunday. Over the second half of both days, cumulus clouds will form and isolated showers will be possible, although the amounts of precipitation will be small. The snowfall level will be around 1200 m. In the south, it will still be quite sunny on Saturday morning, and mostly overcast on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Above 1000 to 1200 m, some snow will fall, especially during the night into Sunday and on Sunday morning. At present, around 10 to 15 cm of fresh snow is expected in the south, but the model forecasts are still very uncertain.

The danger of dry avalanches will generally continue to decrease. It may increase slightly, and temporarily, in the south on Sunday. Isolated wet snow slides and wet avalanches are still to be expected, especially from steep sunny slopes, but this activity will tend to be small and the avalanches will be mostly superficial.