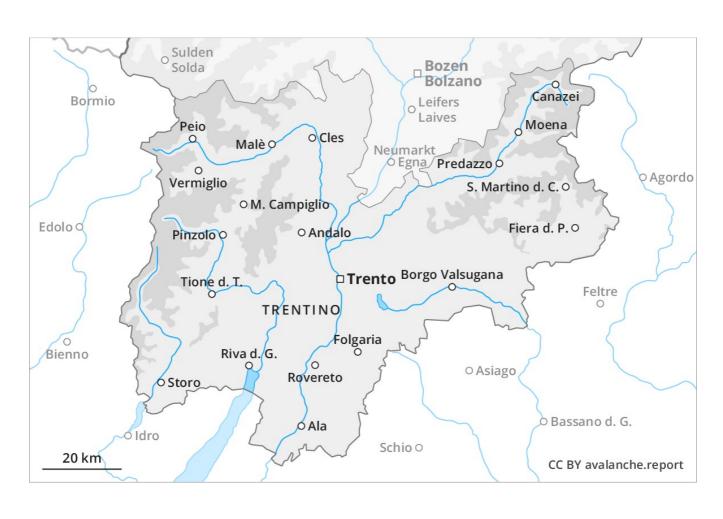
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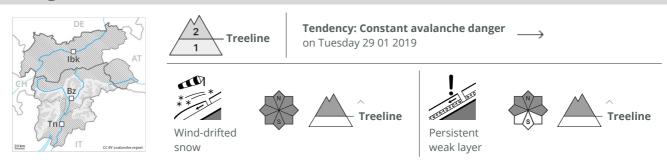


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Danger Level 2 - Moderate



The fresh wind slabs represent the main danger. Weakly bonded old snow requires caution.

The fresh wind slabs can be released very easily. The wind slabs are to be found especially above the tree line. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. The wind slabs are clearly recognisable to the trained eye.

Avalanches can also be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size in particular on steep shady slopes. In particular transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack are critical. These avalanche prone locations are barely recognisable, even to the trained eye. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Snowpack

As a consequence of a sometimes strong northerly wind, avalanche prone wind slabs will form. In some cases the wind slabs have bonded poorly with the old snowpack. The fresh wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack. Faceted weak layers exist in the snowpack especially on steep, rather lightly snow-covered shady slopes. Some snow will fall until the early morning in some regions.

Tendency

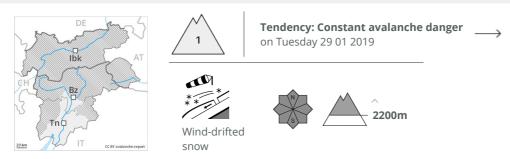
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Danger Level 1 - Low



In all altitude zones from a snow sport perspective, in most cases insufficient snow is lying.

The fresh wind slabs represent the main danger. These are to be found especially adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls and generally at high altitudes. Mostly avalanches are small but can be released in some cases by a single winter sport participant. The avalanche prone locations are easy to recognise. Weak layers in the old snowpack can be released in some places in particular in gullies and bowls. 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

The mostly small wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack. Faceted weak layers exist in the snowpack. Only a little snow is lying. Below approximately 1400 m no snow is lying. The wind will be moderate to strong over a wide area.

Tendency

Low, level 1.