Avalanche Forecast

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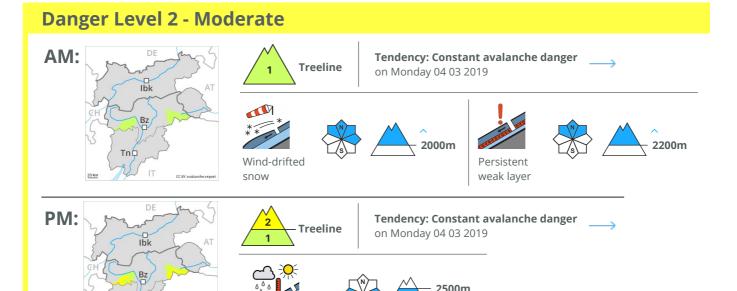


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The danger of moist and wet avalanches will increase during the day.

Dry avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the old snowpack by large loads. This applies especially on very steep shady slopes especially above approximately 2000 m in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. The avalanche prone locations are rather rare but are difficult to recognise. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. Wet and gliding snow require caution. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible.

Snowpack

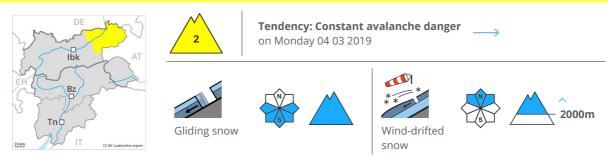
Faceted weak layers exist deeper in the old snowpack especially in shady places that are protected from the wind. Over a wide area a clear night. Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be good. The weather will be sunny. The snowpack will be moist below approximately 2000 m. The weather will be sunny. The wind will be moderate.

Tendency

As a consequence of warming during the day and the solar radiation, the likelihood of moist and wet avalanches being released will increase a little especially on very steep sunny slopes at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



An appreciable danger of gliding avalanches exists. Fresh wind slabs in particular in shady places that are protected from the wind.

An appreciable danger of gliding avalanches exists. This applies on steep grassy slopes, especially on sunny slopes. Below approximately 2000 m the avalanche prone locations are to be found in all aspects. In particular here medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks. In addition the small wind slabs should be taken into account. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on steep northwest to north to northeast facing slopes, especially adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls and in places that are protected from the wind. Dry avalanches can in isolated cases be released, but they will be small in most cases. Such avalanche prone locations are rare and are easy to recognise.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 2: gliding snow

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

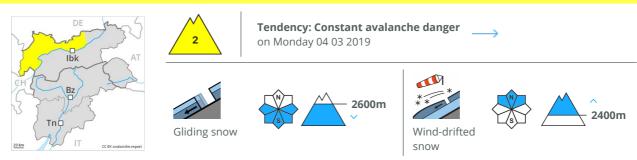
In some regions up to 10 cm of snow. has fallen yesterday. The wind was moderate to strong in some cases. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. The small wind slabs are bonding well with the old snowpack. The old snowpack will be stable over a wide area. The snowpack will be wet all the way through at low altitude.

Tendency

Slight increase in danger of wet snow slides as a consequence of warming.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



A substantial danger of gliding avalanches exists. Fresh wind slabs in particular in shady places that are protected from the wind.

A substantial danger of gliding avalanches exists. This applies on steep grassy slopes below approximately 2600 m, especially on sunny slopes. Below approximately 2000 m avalanche prone locations are present in all aspects and the danger is slightly greater. In particular here medium-sized to large gliding avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks. As a consequence of fresh snow and a moderate to strong wind from northwesterly directions, mostly small wind slabs formed since Friday, 1 March especially adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. The fresh wind slabs can be released in isolated cases in particular on very steep northwest, north and northeast facing slopes, especially in places that are protected from the wind above approximately 2400 m. The avalanche prone locations are rather rare and are easy to recognise. At elevated altitudes the avalanche prone locations will become more prevalent.

Snowpack

 Danger patterns
 dp 2: gliding snow
 dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

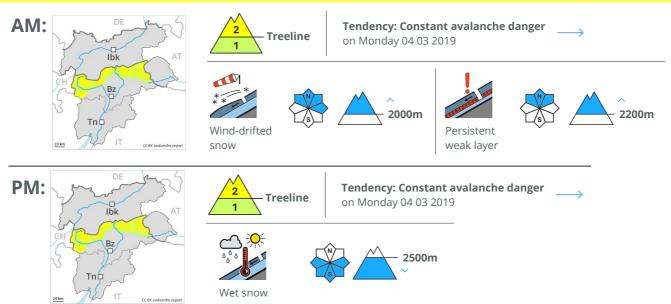
10 to 15 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen yesterday, especially along the border with Vorarlberg. The wind was moderate to strong at times. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. The fresh snow and wind slabs are bonding quite well with the old snowpack. The old snowpack will be stable over a wide area. The snowpack will be wet all the way through at low altitude.

Tendency

Slight increase in danger of wet snow slides as a consequence of warming.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



In the north a moderate danger of dry avalanches will persist in some regions. The danger of moist and wet avalanches will increase during the day.

The fresh wind slabs can be released, even by small loads in isolated cases, but they will be small in most cases. These avalanche prone locations are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. Dry avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the old snowpack by large loads. This applies especially on very steep shady slopes especially above approximately 2000 m in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. The avalanche prone locations are rather rare but are difficult to recognise. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. Wet and gliding snow require caution. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible.

Snowpack

The wind slabs of the day before yesterday are poorly bonded with the old snowpack in particular on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2200 m. Faceted weak layers exist deeper in the old snowpack especially in shady places that are protected from the wind. Over a wide area a clear night. Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be good. The weather will be sunny. The snowpack will be moist below approximately 2000 m. The weather will be sunny. The wind will be moderate.

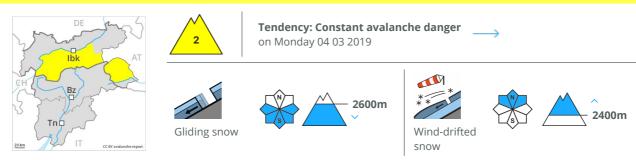
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Snowpack

 Danger patterns
 dp 2: gliding snow
 dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

In some localities 5 to 10 cm of snow. has fallen yesterday. The wind was moderate to strong adjacent to ridgelines. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. The mostly small wind slabs are bonding well with the old snowpack. The old snowpack will be stable over a wide area. The snowpack will be wet all the way through at low altitude.

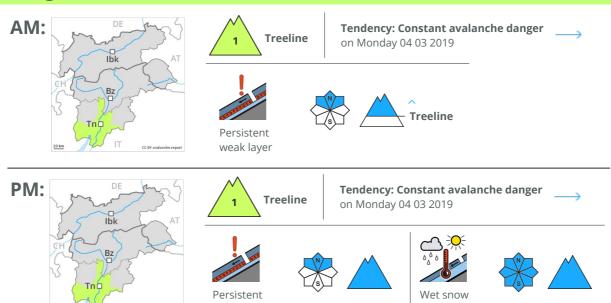
Tendency

Slight increase in danger of wet snow slides as a consequence of warming.





Danger Level 1 - Low



Gradual increase in avalanche danger as a consequence of warming during the day.

A clear night will be followed in the early morning by quite favourable conditions generally. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation there will be only a slight increase in the danger of wet and gliding avalanches. Avalanches can in isolated cases be released by people and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are to be found at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack above the tree line. Caution is to be exercised in particular on steep shady slopes.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 10: springtime scenario

weak layer

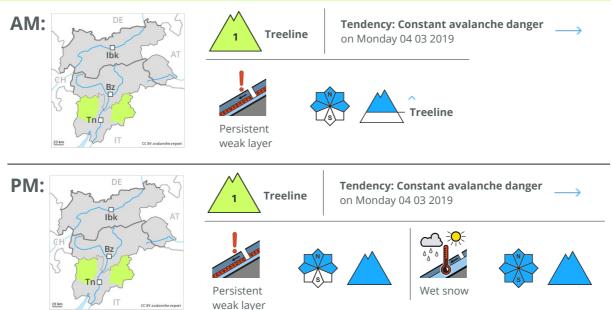
On south facing slopes from a snow sport perspective, in most cases insufficient snow is lying at low and intermediate altitudes. The surface of the snowpack will freeze to form a strong crust and will soften during the day. Faceted weak layers exist in the bottom section of the snowpack in particular in shady places that are protected from the wind.

Tendency

A generally favourable avalanche situation will prevail.



Danger Level 1 - Low



Weak layers in the lower part of the snowpack necessitate caution and restraint. As a consequence of warming during the day the prevalence of avalanche prone locations will increase in the afternoon.

The wind slabs have bonded quite well with the old snowpack in particular on steep sunny slopes. These can be released, especially by large additional loads,. Faceted weak layers exist in the bottom section of the old snowpack especially on steep west, north and east facing slopes. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack and in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. The early morning will see quite favourable conditions generally, but the avalanche danger will increase later. Moist avalanches can in isolated cases penetrate near-ground layers of the snowpack and reach medium size.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 10: springtime scenario

The snowpack will become in most cases well bonded. The surface of the snowpack has frozen to form a strong crust and will soften during the day. Wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on extremely steep, rather lightly snow-covered shady slopes. Faceted weak layers exist in the bottom section of the snowpack in particular here.

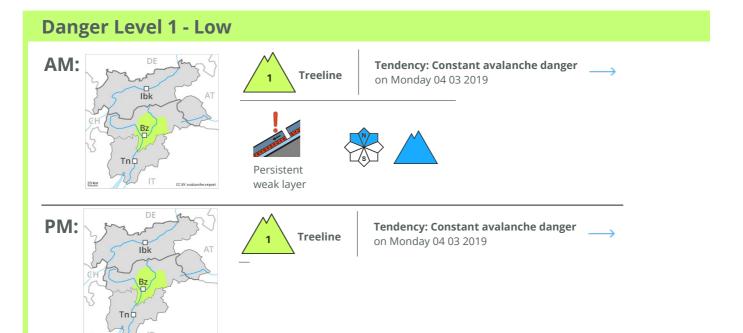
Tendency

As a consequence of warming during the day and the solar radiation, the likelihood of moist loose snow avalanches being released will increase a little in particular on steep south and southeast facing slopes above the tree line.



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Decrease in danger of moist and wet avalanches as the temperature drops.

A clear night will be followed by quite favourable conditions. The avalanche prone locations are to be found at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack above the tree line. This applies in particular on steep shady slopes and adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. Avalanches can in isolated cases be released, in particular by large loads and reach medium size. As a consequence of the solar radiation, the likelihood of moist and wet avalanches being released will increase a little on steep south and west facing slopes below approximately 2400 m.

Snowpack

The old snowpack will be generally subject to considerable local variations. On south facing slopes thus far only a little snow is lying at low and intermediate altitudes. The surface of the snowpack will freeze to form a strong crust and will soften during the day. In some cases relatively hard layers of snow are lying on old snow containing large grains. This applies in particular on steep shady slopes.

Tendency

A generally favourable avalanche situation will prevail.

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Danger Level 1 - Low





Tendency: Constant avalanche danger on Monday 04 03 2019

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The avalanche conditions are generally favourable.

Dry avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the old snowpack by large loads. This applies especially on very steep shady slopes between approximately 2000 and 2600 m in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. The avalanche prone locations are very rare but are barely recognisable, even to the trained eye. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

(dp 1: deep persistent weak layer)

The weather will be mostly sunny. The wind will be light over a wide area. The snowpack will be quite favourable. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. Isolated avalanche prone weak layers exist in the bottom section of the snowpack, in particular on shady slopes between approximately 2000 and 2600 m.

Tendency

A generally favourable avalanche situation will persist.