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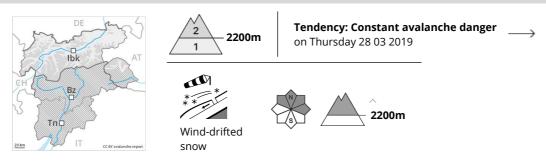


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Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Fresh wind slabs require caution.

As a consequence of fresh snow and a sometimes strong wind from northwesterly directions, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs formed since Monday in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. The fresh wind slabs can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size, in particular in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in northwest to north to east facing aspects above approximately 2200 m. The prevalence of avalanche prone locations and likelihood of triggering will increase with altitude. In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are to be found in all aspects, especially adjacent to ridgelines.

As the moisture increases more frequent small and, in isolated cases, medium-sized loose snow avalanches are to be expected. This applies on extremely steep sunny slopes, in the event of solar radiation especially.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

Over a wide area 10 to 20 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, fell, especially along the border with Vorarlberg and along the border with Bavaria. The wind was strong in some cases. Over a wide area fresh snow is lying on a hard crust. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m as well as in all aspects at low and intermediate altitudes. In steep terrain there is a danger of falling here. Fresh wind slabs are lying on soft layers in particular on steep shady slopes above approximately 2200 m. They are in some cases prone to triggering. The old snowpack will be generally stable.

Tendency

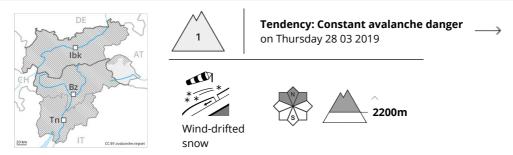
Fresh wind slabs represent the main danger.

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Danger Level 1 - Low



A generally favourable avalanche situation will prevail. Fresh wind slabs require caution.

As a consequence of a moderate to strong wind from northwesterly directions, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs formed since Monday. The fresh wind slabs can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant, but they will be small in most cases. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls in northwest to north to northeast facing aspects above approximately 2200 m. The prevalence of avalanche prone locations and likelihood of triggering will increase with altitude. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

Snowpack

Danger patterns dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

The wind will be moderate to strong. The weather will be cold. The surface of the snowpack has frozen to form a strong crust. This applies on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2800 m as well as in all aspects at low and intermediate altitudes. In steep terrain there is a danger of falling here. The surface of the snowpack will hardly soften at all. Fresh wind slabs are lying on soft layers in particular on steep shady slopes above approximately 2200 m. They are in some cases prone to triggering. The old snowpack will be stable over a wide area.

Tendency

The backcountry and freeriding conditions are generally favourable. Fresh wind slabs require caution.

