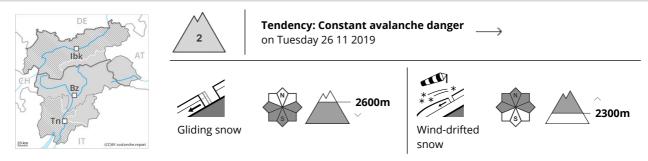






Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Gliding snow represents the main danger. Wind slabs require caution.

As a consequence of fresh snow and a strong to storm force southerly wind, sometimes easily released wind slabs formed in the last two days. They are to be evaluated with care and prudence. At high altitudes and in high Alpine regions avalanche prone locations are more prevalent. Caution is to be exercised in particular adjacent to ridgelines. Individual gliding avalanches are possible, even quite large ones, especially in the regions with a lot of snow below approximately 2600 m. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible. On Monday as a consequence of warming there will be only a slight increase in the danger of gliding avalanches and snow slides.

The fresh wind slabs are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. They are mostly rather small but can in some cases be released easily at their margins. The older wind slabs have bonded quite well with the old snowpack. Faceted weak layers exist deep in the old snowpack above approximately 2800 m. The snowpack will become gradually moist, especially on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2000 m.

Tendency

Fresh wind slabs require caution.