



Danger Level 1 - Low



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Friday 17 01 2020



Wind-drifted
snow



2000m

A mostly favourable avalanche situation will prevail. Fresh wind slabs require caution. This applies in the regions exposed to the foehn wind.

The avalanche prone locations are very rare and are clearly recognisable to the trained eye.

As a consequence of a moderate to strong southwesterly wind, wind slabs formed in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. This applies in the regions exposed to the foehn wind in particular at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches. The avalanches are only small.

In addition a latent danger of gliding avalanches exists, in particular on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2400 m as well as on steep shady slopes below approximately 2000 m. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible.

Dry avalanches can in very isolated cases be released in the old snowpack by large loads. Caution is to be exercised in particular on extremely steep shady slopes, especially adjacent to ridgelines and in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. Here individual mostly small avalanches are possible. 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 fresh wind slabs of the last few days are lying on soft layers in particular on shady slopes.

In some places relatively hard layers of snow are lying on old snow containing large grains, in particular on shady slopes at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions as well as adjacent to ridgelines.

The old snowpack will be moist at low and intermediate altitudes. The surface of the snowpack has frozen to form a strong crust will soften during the day. This applies on sunny slopes. There is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

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