

Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Wednesday 19 02 2020



Wind-drifted
snow



Fresh and older wind slabs at high altitude.

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases in particular on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2200 m. Avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes above approximately 2200 m. These avalanche prone locations are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. Caution is to be exercised adjacent to ridgelines. Weakly bonded old snow requires caution. Caution is to be exercised in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack in little used backcountry terrain. Avalanches can be released, in particular by large loads and reach medium size. Dry avalanches are rather small.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

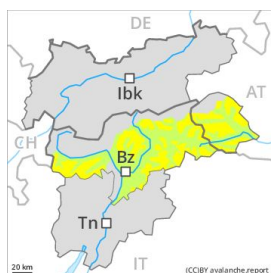
dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

The sometimes strong wind has transported some snow. The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are in some cases prone to triggering in particular on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2200 m. Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack, in particular between approximately 2400 and 3000 m. The wind slabs of the last few days represent the main danger. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations.

Tendency

Hardly any increase in avalanche danger as a consequence of the fresh snow.

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As the temperature drops a widespread favourable avalanche situation will prevail.

Fresh wind slabs require caution. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on steep shady slopes above approximately 2200 m, especially in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. These places are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. Mostly the avalanches are small. In steep terrain there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

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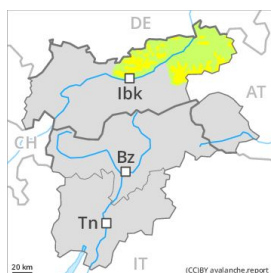
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Some snow will fall in some regions. The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are mostly small and can only be released in isolated cases. In some cases relatively hard layers of snow are lying on old snow containing large grains. This applies especially on shady slopes at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations.

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The backcountry touring conditions are generally favourable.

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Fresh and older wind slabs require caution.

As a consequence of a moderate to strong wind, mostly small wind slabs formed adjacent to ridgelines on northwest, north and northeast facing slopes. Caution is to be exercised in particular on shady slopes as well as adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls above approximately 1800 m.

Weakly bonded old snow requires caution, especially on very steep shady slopes as well as on wind-loaded slopes. The avalanches are rather small and can mostly only be released by large loads.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp 2: gliding snow

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Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations.

Tendency

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