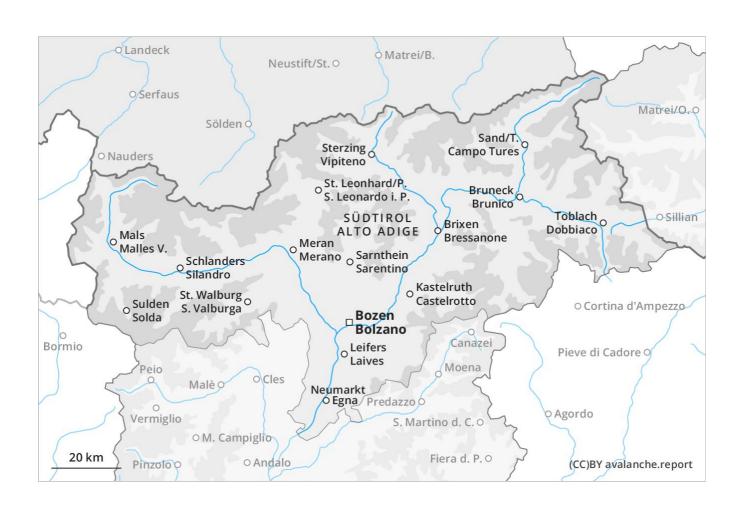
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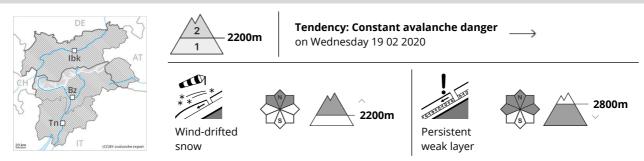








Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Wind slabs require caution, in particular at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions.

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. These avalanche prone locations are clearly recognisable to the trained eye.

Weakly bonded old snow: In isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach dangerously large size. Caution is to be exercised in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack in little used backcountry terrain.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

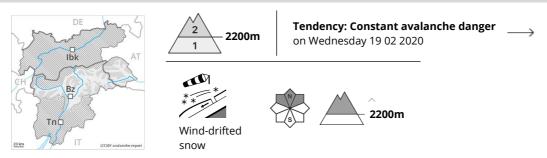
In some regions up to 5 cm of snow. will fall. The fresh and older wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence on steep shady slopes at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations.

Tendency

The backcountry touring conditions are generally favourable. Moderate, level 2.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



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.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

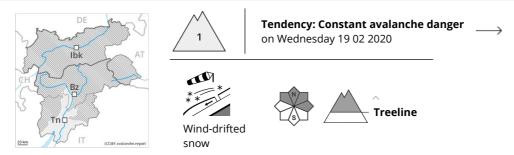
Some snow will fall in some regions. The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are mostly small and can only be released in isolated cases. In some cases relatively hard layers of snow are lying on old snow containing large grains. This applies especially on shady slopes at high altitudes and in high Alpine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

Tendency

The backcountry touring conditions are generally favourable.



Danger Level 1 - Low



Wind slabs require caution.

The mostly small wind slabs of the last few days must be evaluated with care and prudence in all aspects. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes above approximately 1800 m and adjacent to ridgelines. These places are rare and are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. In steep terrain there is a danger of falling on the icy crust.

Snowpack

More recent wind slabs are poorly bonded with the old snowpack in particular on very steep shady slopes above the tree line. The surface of the snowpack will freeze to form a strong crust only at high altitudes. The old snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations.

Tendency

The old snowpack remains stable in all aspects. Wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence.