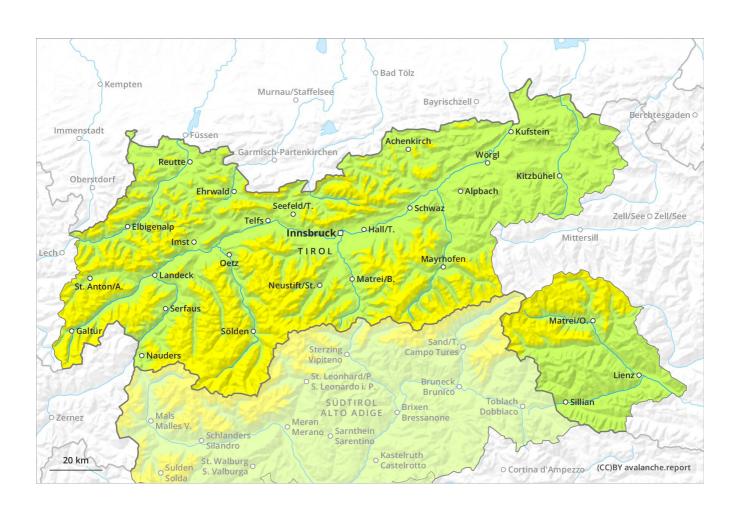
# **Sunday 23 02 2020**

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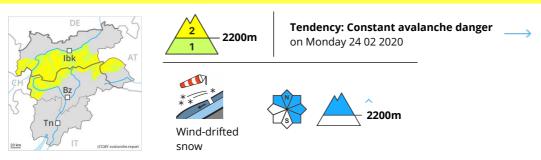








### **Danger Level 2 - Moderate**



#### Fresh wind slabs require caution.

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases in particular on northwest to north to southeast facing aspects above approximately 2200 m. In some cases avalanches are medium-sized. In high Alpine regions avalanche prone locations are more prevalent. These avalanche prone locations are clearly recognisable to the trained eye.

Weakly bonded old snow: In very isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach dangerously large size in particular on very steep shady slopes. Caution is to be exercised in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack in little used backcountry terrain, in isolated cases also in areas close to the tree line.

As a consequence of warming during the day, the likelihood of dry and moist snow slides being released will increase a little on rocky sunny slopes.

# Snowpack

**Danger patterns** 

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

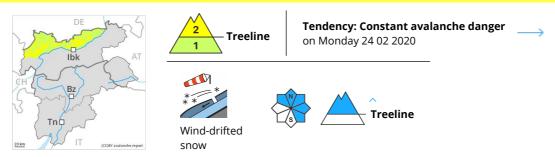
As the day progresses mostly small wind slabs will form in particular in gullies and bowls and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. On south and southwest facing slopes a little snow is lying at low and intermediate altitudes. In steep terrain there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

# Tendency

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



### **Danger Level 2 - Moderate**



# Above the tree line: Fresh wind slabs require caution. In some regions light rain to the tree line.

The wind will be strong to storm force in the vicinity of peaks. Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases in particular on northwest to north to southeast facing aspects above the tree line. In some cases avalanches are medium-sized. In high Alpine regions avalanche prone locations are more prevalent. These avalanche prone locations are clearly recognisable to the trained eye.

Weakly bonded old snow: In very isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach dangerously large size in particular on little-used, rather lightly snow-covered shady slopes. Caution is to be exercised in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack in little used backcountry terrain, in isolated cases also in areas close to the tree line. These avalanche prone locations are very rare and are difficult to recognise.

Below the tree line: As a consequence of the rain, the likelihood of moist and wet snow slides being released will increase a little.

# Snowpack

**Danger patterns** 

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

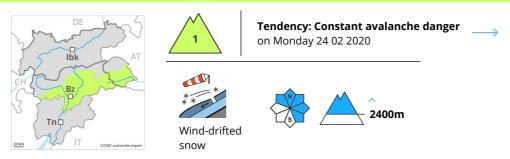
In some regions light rain to the tree line. Above the tree line: Up to 5 cm of snow. will fall. In the last few days mostly small wind slabs formed in particular in gullies and bowls and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. On south and southwest facing slopes a little snow is lying at low and intermediate altitudes. In steep terrain there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

# Tendency

Fresh and older wind slabs require caution.



#### **Danger Level 1 - Low**



#### The backcountry touring conditions are favourable over a wide area.

The rather small wind slabs have bonded quite well with the old snowpack. These can only be released by large loads in most cases. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on northwest to north to southeast facing wind-loaded slopes above approximately 2400 m, especially in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. These places are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. In steep terrain there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

#### Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

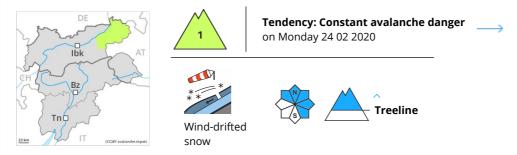
The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are mostly small and can only be released in isolated cases. In some cases relatively hard layers of snow are lying on old snow containing large grains. Faceted weak layers exist deep in the snowpack in particular on shady slopes. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. On south and southwest facing slopes a little snow is lying in all altitude zones.

# Tendency

The backcountry touring conditions are generally favourable.



#### **Danger Level 1 - Low**



# Above the tree line: Fresh wind slabs require caution. In some regions light rain to the tree line.

The wind will be strong to storm force in the vicinity of peaks. In the last few days small wind slabs formed in particular adjacent to ridgelines. This applies in particular at elevated altitudes. In high Alpine regions avalanche prone locations are a little more prevalent. These avalanche prone locations are clearly recognisable to the trained eye.

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#### Snowpack

**Danger patterns** 

( dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind )

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