

### Wind slabs require caution.

As a consequence of a sometimes strong wind from northwesterly directions, clearly visible wind slabs formed on Saturday. These can be released by a single winter sport participant in isolated cases at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2200 m and adjacent to ridgelines. In some cases the avalanches are medium-sized. At high altitudes and in high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and larger.

In addition as the day progresses some mostly small loose snow avalanches are possible. On sunny slopes the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised as well in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls. Ski touring and other off-piste activities, including snowshoe hiking, call for extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

### Snowpack

**Danger patterns** 

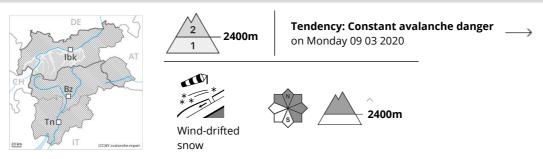
dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

In some places fresh snow and wind slabs are lying on old snow containing large grains. This applies in particular on shady slopes at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. The old snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations at low and intermediate altitudes. The surface of the snowpack will freeze, but a strong crust will not form and will soften during the day, in particular on steep sunny slopes as well as at low and intermediate altitudes.

# Tendency

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





The snow sport conditions outside marked and open pistes are generally favourable. On extremely steep slopes a large number of mostly small loose snow avalanches are to be expected.

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation more frequent mostly small moist loose snow avalanches are to be expected. This applies in particular in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation on extremely steep sunny slopes.

As a consequence of a sometimes strong wind from northwesterly directions, mostly small wind slabs formed as well. These can be released by a single winter sport participant in isolated cases at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes and adjacent to ridgelines. Such avalanche prone locations are clearly recognisable to the trained eye.

### Snowpack

**Danger patterns** 

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

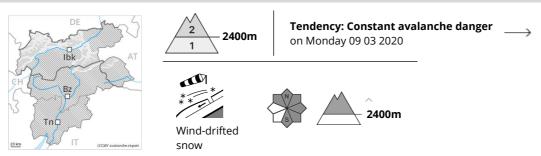
dp 9: graupel blanketed with snow

The northwesterly wind has transported the fresh snow. In some places fresh snow and wind slabs are lying on soft layers, especially on shady slopes in high Alpine regions. The old snowpack will be generally stable. The snowpack will become moist as the day progresses. This applies in particular on steep sunny slopes. At low and intermediate altitudes only a little snow is lying.

# **Tendency**

The snow sport conditions outside marked and open pistes remain generally favourable.





Fresh wind slabs at high altitude. On extremely steep slopes a large number of loose snow avalanches are to be expected.

As a consequence of fresh snow and a sometimes strong wind from northwesterly directions, wind slabs formed. These can be released by a single winter sport participant in isolated cases at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes and adjacent to ridgelines above approximately 2400 m. These places are sometimes covered with fresh snow but are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. The avalanches are rather small. In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and larger. As a consequence of warming during the day and the solar radiation, the likelihood of slab avalanches being released will increase a little. As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation more frequent small and, in isolated cases, medium-sized loose snow avalanches are to be expected. On sunny slopes the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent.

### Snowpack

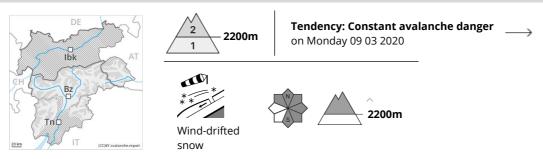
 Danger patterns
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10 to 20 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, fell. The northwesterly wind has transported the fresh snow. In some places fresh snow and wind slabs are lying on soft layers, especially on shady slopes at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. The older wind slabs have bonded well with the old snowpack. The old snowpack will be generally stable. The snowpack will become moist as the day progresses. This applies in particular on steep sunny slopes.

# **Tendency**

The snow sport conditions outside marked and open pistes are generally favourable.





Fresh wind slabs at high altitude. On extremely steep slopes a large number of mostly small loose snow avalanches are to be expected.

As a consequence of a sometimes strong wind from northwesterly directions, mostly small wind slabs formed. These can be released by a single winter sport participant in isolated cases at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes and adjacent to ridgelines. Such avalanche prone locations are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. In some cases the avalanches are medium-sized.

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation more frequent mostly small moist loose snow avalanches are to be expected. This applies in particular on extremely steep sunny slopes. In highly frequented off-piste terrain and on popular backcountry touring routes the situation is more favourable.

### Snowpack

**Danger patterns** 

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp 9: graupel blanketed with snow

The northwesterly wind has transported the fresh snow. In some places fresh snow and wind slabs are lying on soft layers, especially on shady slopes at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. In very isolated cases weak layers exist in the old snowpack on shady slopes. The snowpack will become moist as the day progresses. This applies in particular on steep sunny slopes. At low and intermediate altitudes only a little snow is lying.

# Tendency

The snow sport conditions outside marked and open pistes are generally favourable.



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





Tendency: Constant avalanche danger on Monday 09 03 2020

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### Snowpack

The northwesterly wind has transported the fresh snow. Fresh and older wind slabs have bonded quite well with the old snowpack. The old snowpack will be generally stable. The snowpack will become moist as the day progresses. This applies in particular on steep sunny slopes. At low and intermediate altitudes only a little snow is lying.

# Tendency

The snow sport conditions outside marked and open pistes remain favourable.