

Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →

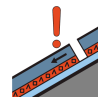
on Wednesday 27 01 2021



Wind-drifted snow



Treeline



Persistent weak layer



In all aspects a considerable avalanche danger will prevail. Natural avalanches are still possible in isolated cases.

Fresh snow and large quantities of wind-drifted snow remain for the foreseeable future prone to triggering. Medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large natural avalanches are possible in isolated cases. In the regions exposed to a lot of wind this applies in particular. The fresh snow of the weekend and the sometimes deep wind slabs can be released easily in all aspects and generally above the tree line. Remotely triggered avalanches are possible. The avalanche prone locations are sometimes covered with new snow and are difficult to recognise.

In the regions with a lot of snow gliding avalanches are possible, even quite large ones. This applies in particular at low and intermediate altitudes.

The conditions are precarious for snow sport activities. Caution and restraint are recommended.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.2: gliding snow

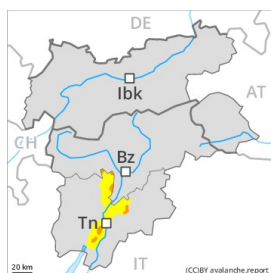
A lot of snow fell in the last few days over a wide area. The strong wind has transported the new snow. In some places new snow and wind slabs are lying on soft layers.

In its middle, the snowpack is unfavourably layered. Towards its base, the snowpack is largely stable.

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Increase in avalanche danger as a consequence of new snow and strong wind. Fresh wind slabs require caution.

Fresh snow and large quantities of wind-drifted snow represent the main danger. The fresh wind slabs can be released easily in all aspects at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. The avalanche prone locations are sometimes covered with new snow and are difficult to recognise. On wind-loaded slopes natural dry avalanches are possible as the day progresses, in particular medium-sized ones.

Avalanches can in some cases be triggered in deep layers and reach large size. Caution is to be exercised in all aspects also in areas close to the tree line.

Gliding avalanches are possible.

Caution and restraint are important.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.3: rain

As a consequence of a strong northerly wind, further wind slabs will form. The brittle wind slabs are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility. The old snowpack will be in some cases prone to triggering.

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