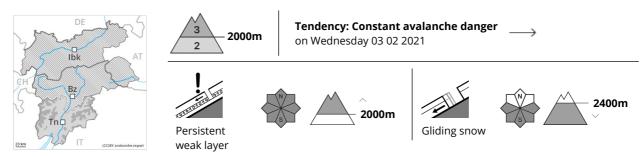






Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Weak layers in the old snowpack necessitate caution. Gliding avalanches are still possible.

Caution is to be exercised in all aspects above approximately 2000 m. Avalanches can be triggered in the weakly bonded old snow, this applies even in case of a single winter sport participant. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep slopes, as well as at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack. The prevalence of avalanche prone locations and likelihood of triggering will increase with altitude. Avalanches can in isolated cases reach quite a large size.

As a consequence of the solar radiation, the likelihood of moist avalanches being released will increase. In the regions with a lot of snow more gliding avalanches are possible, even large ones in isolated cases, this also applies on shady slopes.

Extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger is required.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.2: gliding snow

The somewhat older wind slabs of the weekend have bonded quite well with the old snowpack. Avalanche prone weak layers exist in the centre of the snowpack. Towards its base, the snowpack is largely stable. The snowpack will be moist at low and intermediate altitudes. The weather conditions will give rise to gradual consolidation of the snowpack.

Tendency

The danger of gliding avalanches and moist snow slides will persist. As a consequence of the sometimes strong westerly wind there will be only a slight increase in the danger of dry avalanches.