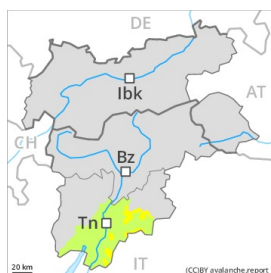


Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →

on Tuesday 20 04 2021



Wind-drifted snow



Persistent weak layer



Treeline

Fresh wind slabs adjacent to ridgelines.

Wind slabs are mostly rather small but to be assessed with care and prudence. Avalanches can in isolated cases be released by small loads or triggered naturally. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls in all aspects.

Slight increase in avalanche danger as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation. On very steep sunny slopes individual loose snow avalanches are to be expected from the late morning, but they will be mostly small. In addition a latent danger of gliding avalanches exists.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.10: springtime scenario

The old snowpack will be generally well bonded. Towards its surface, the snowpack is unfavourably layered and its surface consists of loosely bonded snow lying on a crust.

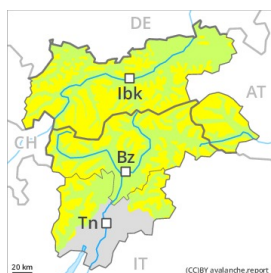
The fresh snow of last week and the wind slabs are lying on soft layers in particular on shady slopes. The various wind slabs have bonded quite well already together.

Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be barely evident over a wide area.

Tendency

The weather conditions will give rise to increasing moistening of the snowpack. Slight increase in danger of moist and wet avalanches as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.

Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →

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Persistent
weak layer



Wind-drifted
snow



Meticulous route selection is recommended. Weakly bonded old snow requires caution. Fresh wind slabs adjacent to ridgelines.

Avalanche prone weak layers exist in the top section of the snowpack in all aspects, in particular above approximately 2200 m. Avalanches can in isolated cases be released by small loads and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on steep east to south to west facing slopes, in isolated cases also on steep, rather lightly snow-covered shady slopes. Isolated whumpung sounds can indicate the danger.

Fresh and older wind slabs are in isolated cases quite large but can only be released in isolated cases. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in northwest to north to northeast facing aspects above approximately 2200 m, also adjacent to ridgelines in all aspects at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.4: cold following warm / warm following cold

Especially steep sunny slopes above approximately 2200 m: Towards its surface, the snowpack is unfavourably layered and its surface consists of loosely bonded snow lying on a crust. The snowpack will be prone to triggering in some places, in particular on wind-loaded slopes.

The fresh snow of last week as well as the wind slabs are lying on soft layers in particular on shady slopes. Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be barely evident over a wide area.

Tendency

Slight increase in danger of moist and wet avalanches as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation. This also applies at high altitude.