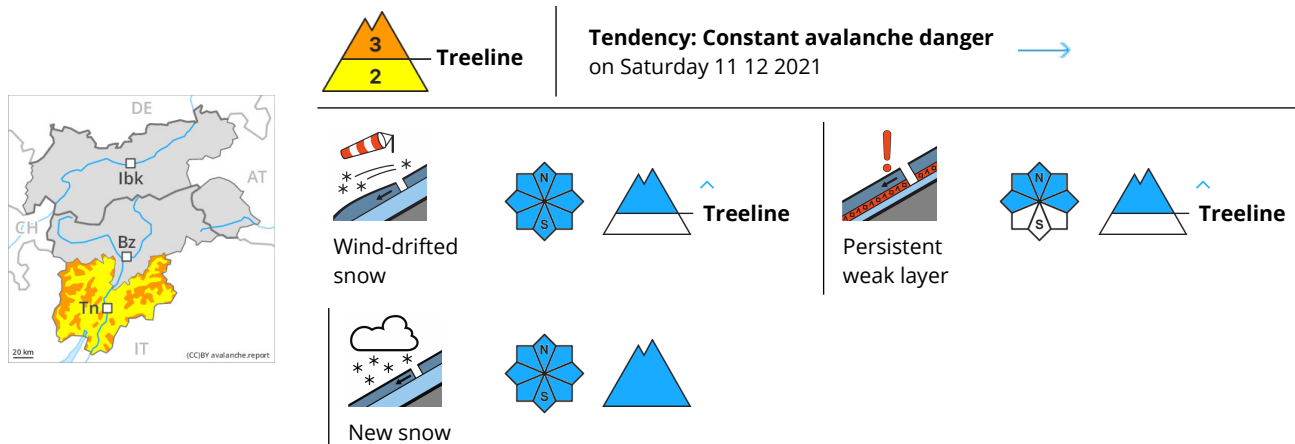


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



New snow and wind slabs represent the main danger.

Avalanches can in some places be released, mostly by large loads and reach medium size. Caution is to be exercised on wind-loaded slopes in areas close to the tree line, as well as on wind-loaded slopes above the tree line. The avalanche prone locations are sometimes covered with new snow and are therefore barely recognisable, even to the trained eye. At elevated altitudes the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and larger.

Individual natural avalanches are possible as the day progresses, but they will be mostly small. This applies in particular on wind-loaded slopes.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

Over a wide area 20 cm of snow, and up to 40 cm in some localities, has fallen. The wind was moderate to strong in some localities in some regions, in particular at elevated altitudes.

The fresh and older wind slabs are to be avoided in particular in very steep terrain.

Faceted weak layers exist in the centre of the snowpack, in particular on shady slopes in areas close to the tree line, as well as above the tree line, also on steep sunny slopes at elevated altitudes.

Whumpfung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack indicate the unfavourable bonding of the snowpack.

Tendency

As a consequence of low temperatures and the moderate wind, the snowpack can not consolidate. The snowpack remains in some cases prone to triggering.