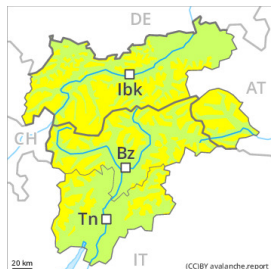




Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →

on Saturday 15 01 2022



Wind-drifted
snow



A generally favourable avalanche situation will prevail.

As a consequence of a moderate to strong wind from northerly directions, clearly visible wind slabs formed in the last few days above approximately 2400 m. The wind slabs are mostly small but can be released in isolated cases. Avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Wind slabs are to be avoided in very steep terrain.

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation individual wet and gliding avalanches are possible as the day progresses.

Dry avalanches can additionally in very isolated cases be released in deep layers by large loads. This applies in particular on extremely steep shady slopes in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. These avalanche prone locations are very rare but are barely recognisable, even to the trained eye.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.7: snow-poor zones in snow-rich surrounding

In some places various wind slab layers are lying on soft layers. Shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. Somewhat older wind slabs have bonded quite well with the old snowpack.

In very isolated cases weak layers exist in the centre of the old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. This applies in particular above approximately 2400 m.

Tendency

A generally favourable avalanche situation will prevail. Wind slabs require caution.