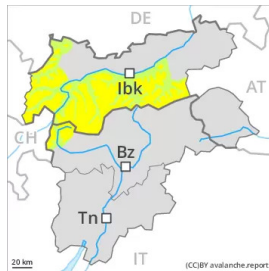




Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →

on Thursday 03 03 2022

Weakly bonded old snow. Fresh wind slabs.

Avalanches can in some places be released in the weakly bonded old snow, in particular by large additional loads. This applies especially on very steep shady slopes between approximately 2200 and 2600 m in little used terrain. Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found also adjacent to ridgelines above approximately 2600 m. Caution is to be exercised in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack, as well as in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. In addition the fresh wind slabs of the last few days at elevated altitudes are prone to triggering in some cases. They can be released by a single winter sport participant especially on steep shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. At elevated altitudes the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent, in particular adjacent to ridgelines. Wind slabs are easy to recognise. They are to be avoided as far as possible.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

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

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

In its middle, the snowpack is faceted and weak, especially on shady slopes between approximately 2200 and 2600 m, but in isolated cases also in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow adjacent to ridgelines above approximately 2600 m. Along the border with Switzerland and in the Schober Mountains the snowpack is more prone to triggering.

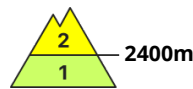
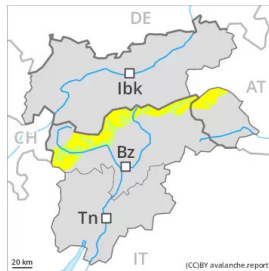
As a consequence of the occasionally strong wind, snow drift accumulations formed. These are poorly bonded with the old snowpack especially on wind-protected shady slopes and in high Alpine regions. They are mostly small.

Tendency

The weather conditions will give rise to gradual consolidation of the snowpack. Dry avalanches can in very isolated cases be released in the old snowpack and reach medium size.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Decreasing avalanche danger
on Thursday 03 03 2022



Fresh wind slabs require caution.

The wind slabs of the last few days are in some cases still prone to triggering. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2400 m, as well as adjacent to ridgelines in high Alpine regions. The wind slabs are clearly recognisable to the trained eye.

Avalanches can in isolated cases be released in the old snowpack, in particular by large additional loads. This applies in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack on very steep shady slopes at elevated altitudes. Such avalanche prone locations are difficult to recognise.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

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

As a consequence of the occasionally strong wind, snow drift accumulations formed during the last few days. These are lying on soft layers in particular on shady slopes.

Individual weak layers exist in the centre of the snowpack, especially in little used terrain on very steep shady slopes.

Only a small amount of snow is lying for the time of year.

Tendency

A generally favourable avalanche situation will prevail.



Danger Level 1 - Low



Tendency: Decreasing avalanche danger
on Thursday 03 03 2022



A favourable avalanche situation will be encountered over a wide area. Fresh wind slabs require caution.

The fresh wind slabs are mostly small and can only be released in isolated cases. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2400 m, as well as adjacent to ridgelines in high Alpine regions. The wind slabs are clearly recognisable to the trained eye.

Avalanches can in very isolated cases be released in the old snowpack, in particular by large additional loads. This applies in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack on very steep shady slopes at elevated altitudes. Such avalanche prone locations are difficult to recognise.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

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

As a consequence of the occasionally strong wind, snow drift accumulations formed during the last few days. These have bonded quite well with the old snowpack.

The old snowpack will be in most cases favourable. In very isolated cases weak layers exist in the centre of the snowpack, especially in little used terrain on very steep shady slopes.

Only a small amount of snow is lying for the time of year.

Tendency

A generally favourable avalanche situation will prevail.



Danger Level 1 - Low



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →

on Thursday 03 03 2022

The snowpack will be in most cases stable. Over a wide area only a little snow is lying.

The fresh and older wind slabs are mostly small and can only be released in isolated cases. Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on extreme shady slopes above approximately 2200 m. In the other regions the snowpack is well bonded. In steep terrain there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

Snowpack

Only a small amount of snow is lying for the time of year. Below the tree line hardly any snow is lying. The snowpack is largely stable and its surface has a resilient melt-freeze crust.

Tendency

The avalanche danger will persist.