

Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Sunday 18 12 2022



Wind slab



Treeline

Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **large**



Persistent weak layer



Treeline

Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **medium**

Fresh wind slabs require caution.

As a consequence of new snow and a moderate wind from southerly directions, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs formed in the last few days adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls as well as at high altitude. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant. On wind-loaded slopes medium-sized avalanches are possible.

Natural avalanches are possible in isolated cases. Mostly avalanches are small. In addition further small and medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible.

The avalanche prone locations are to be found in all aspects above approximately 1800 m. Caution is to be exercised in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain, as well as adjacent to ridgelines.

Snowpack

Over a wide area 20 to 30 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Thursday above approximately 1500 m. In the last two days sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs formed in some localities. Towards its base, the snowpack is faceted.

Tendency

The avalanche danger will persist.

Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Persistent weak layer



Wind slab



Treeline

Snowpack stability: **very poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **medium**



Treeline

Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **many**

Avalanche size: **medium**

Wind slabs and weakly bonded old snow represent the main danger, caution is to be exercised in particular in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation above the tree line.

Weak layers in the old snowpack can be released in some places by individual winter sport participants. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on steep west, north and east facing slopes above the tree line, in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation especially.

The fresh wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases in all aspects. Caution is to be exercised in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain, as well as adjacent to ridgelines above the tree line. At elevated altitudes the likelihood of avalanches being released is greater.

Especially on wind-loaded slopes medium-sized avalanches are possible.

Meticulous route selection is required.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

Over a wide area 10 to 20 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Thursday. Avalanche prone weak layers exist in the old snowpack, especially on steep shady slopes above the tree line, as well as on steep sunny slopes in high Alpine regions. As a consequence of new snow and a moderate to strong wind from variable directions, further wind slabs formed especially adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls.

The fresh wind slabs are lying on soft layers in particular on shady slopes. The older wind slabs are lying on surface hoar in some places.

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

Tendency

The avalanche danger will persist. Wind slabs and weakly bonded old snow represent the main danger.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Sunday 18 12 2022



Wind slab



Treeline

Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **medium**

More recent wind slabs are to be assessed with care and prudence.

As a consequence of new snow and a moderate wind from southerly directions, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs formed in the last few days adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls as well as at high altitude. Avalanches can be released by a single winter sport participant. On wind-loaded slopes medium-sized avalanches are possible.

Natural avalanches are possible in isolated cases. Mostly avalanches are small. In addition further small and medium-sized gliding avalanches are possible.

The avalanche prone locations are to be found in all aspects above approximately 1800 m. Caution is to be exercised in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain, as well as adjacent to ridgelines.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

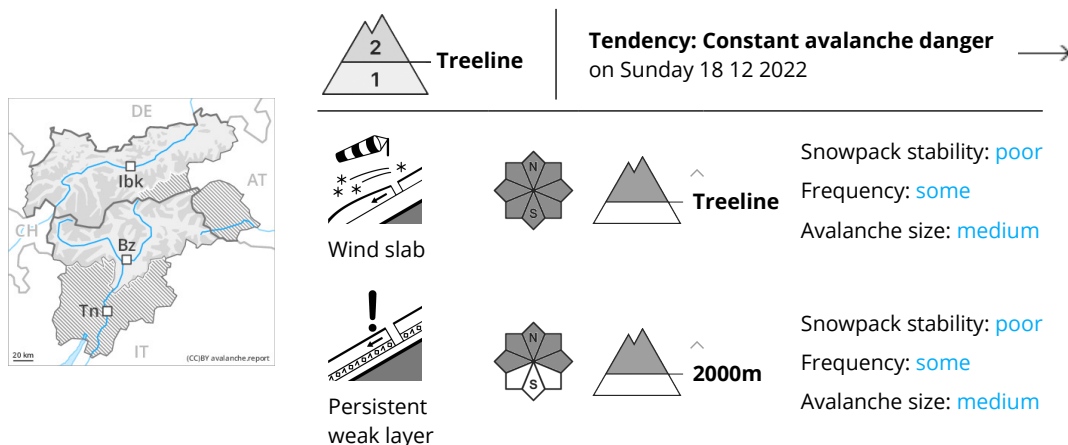
Over a wide area 20 to 30 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Thursday above approximately 1500 m. In the last two days sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs formed in some localities. Towards its base, the snowpack is faceted.

Tendency

The avalanche danger will persist.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Fresh wind slabs require caution, especially in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation. Weakly bonded old snow requires caution.

The fresh wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases in all aspects. Caution is to be exercised in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain, as well as adjacent to ridgelines above the tree line. At elevated altitudes the likelihood of avalanches being released is greater.

Weak layers in the old snowpack can be released in some places. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2000 m.

On wind-loaded slopes medium-sized avalanches are possible.

Meticulous route selection is advisable.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

Over a wide area 5 to 15 cm of snow has fallen since Thursday. As a consequence of a moderate to strong wind from variable directions, further wind slabs formed especially adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls.

The fresh wind slabs are lying on soft layers in particular on shady slopes. The older wind slabs are lying on surface hoar in some places.

Avalanche prone weak layers exist in the old snowpack, especially on steep shady slopes above approximately 2000 m, as well as on steep sunny slopes in high Alpine regions. Only a small amount of snow is lying for the time of year.

Tendency

The avalanche danger will persist. Wind slabs and weakly bonded old snow represent the main danger.