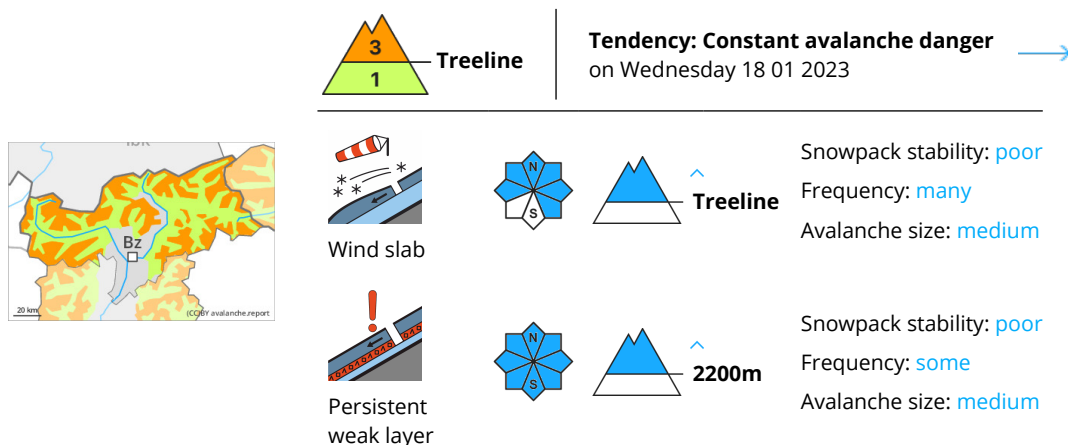


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Wind slabs and weakly bonded old snow represent the main danger.

The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days can be released by a single winter sport participant. Avalanches can penetrate even deep layers and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in all aspects. They are covered with new snow and are difficult to recognise. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2200 m, as well as on very steep sunny slopes at elevated altitudes. Whumpfung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack can indicate the danger. The prevalence of the avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude. In the afternoon as a consequence of the snowfall there will be an increase in the avalanche danger to level 3 (considerable). Meticulous route selection is recommended.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

In some regions up to 20 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Sunday. The fresh snow and the wind slabs formed by the strong to storm force wind are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack.

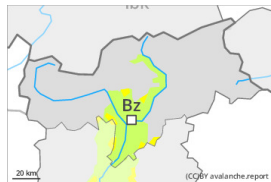
Over a wide area 5 to 15 cm of snow will fall from the afternoon. In the southeast more snow will fall. The snowpack will become increasingly prone to triggering.

Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack. This applies in all aspects above approximately 2200 m, especially on west, north and east facing slopes above approximately 2400 m.

Tendency

On Wednesday it will be partly cloudy. Some snow will fall until midday in some regions, in particular in the east. The wind will be light to moderate. The avalanche danger will persist.

Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Increasing avalanche danger
on Wednesday 18 01 2023



Wind slab



Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **small**

Fresh wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence.

The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days can be released by a single winter sport participant. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in steep terrain and in gullies and bowls. In the afternoon as a consequence of the snowfall there will be an increase in the avalanche danger. Meticulous route selection is advisable.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

Some snow has fallen since Sunday in some regions. The fresh snow and the small wind slabs formed by the strong wind are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack.

Some snow will fall from the afternoon. The snowpack will become prone to triggering in some places. Isolated avalanche prone weak layers exist in the old snowpack.

Tendency

On Wednesday it will be partly cloudy. Some snow will fall until the early morning. The wind will be light to moderate. The avalanche danger will increase but remain within the current danger level.