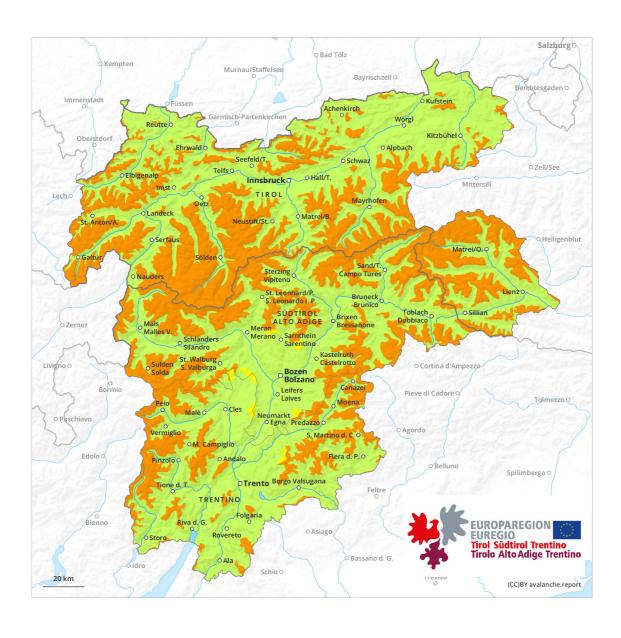
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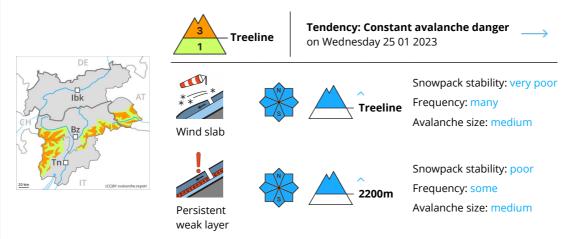




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Danger Level 3 - Considerable



The current avalanche situation calls for caution and restraint. Fresh wind slabs require caution.

As a consequence of new snow and a sometimes strong wind from easterly directions, sometimes large wind slabs formed in all aspects. The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released easily, even by a single winter sport participant,, especially in areas close to the tree line, and above the tree line. These avalanche prone locations are sometimes covered with new snow and are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. Remotely triggered and natural avalanches are possible in isolated cases.

Additionally avalanches can also be released in deep layers. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found on steep, little used shady slopes above approximately 2200 m and on steep sunny slopes above approximately 2500 m. Especially transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack are unfavourable. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for defensive route selection.

Snowpack

Danger patterns dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

Over a wide area 10 to 20 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, fell on Monday. In some localities up to 10 cm of snow will fall on Tuesday. The wind will be moderate. The fresh snow and the wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack.

Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack, especially on shady slopes above approximately 2200 m, as well as on sunny slopes above approximately 2500 m.

The snowpack remains quite prone to triggering. Whumpfing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack are a clear indication.

Tendency

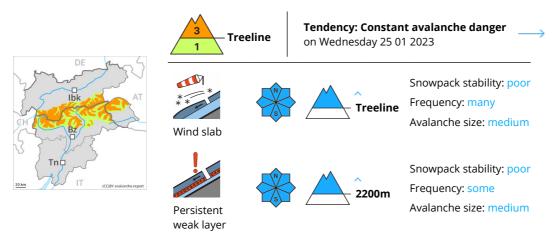
Considerable avalanche danger will persist. The cold fresh snow and in particular the sometimes large wind slabs formed by the moderate to strong wind are poorly bonded with the old snowpack.



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Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Considerable avalanche danger will prevail. Wind slabs and weakly bonded old snow represent the main danger.

The fresh and older wind slabs can be released easily, even by a single winter sport participant, in all aspects, in particular in areas close to the tree line, and above the tree line. These avalanche prone locations are numerous and are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility. At elevated altitudes the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. Remotely triggered avalanches are possible in isolated cases.

Additionally avalanches can also be released in deep layers. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found on steep, little used shady slopes above approximately 2200 m and on steep sunny slopes above approximately 2500 m. Especially transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack are unfavourable. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for caution and restraint.

Snowpack

Danger patterns dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

In some localities up to 10 cm of snow will fall. The wind will be moderate to strong. Fresh wind slabs are lying on weak layers in all aspects above the tree line.

Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack, especially on shady slopes above approximately 2200 m, as well as on sunny slopes above approximately 2500 m.

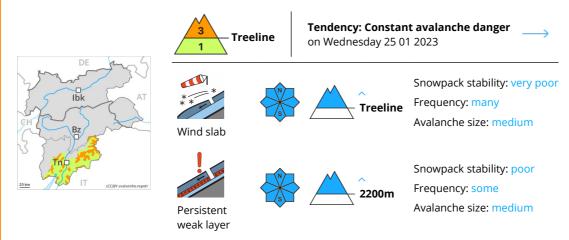
The snowpack remains quite prone to triggering. Whumpfing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack are a clear indication.

Tendency

Considerable avalanche danger will prevail. The fresh wind slabs of the weekend are bonding only slowly with the old snowpack. The snowpack remains quite prone to triggering.



Danger Level 3 - Considerable



The current avalanche situation calls for caution and restraint. Fresh wind slabs require caution.

As a consequence of new snow and a sometimes strong wind from easterly directions, sometimes large wind slabs formed in all aspects. The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released easily, even by a single winter sport participant,, especially in areas close to the tree line, and above the tree line. These avalanche prone locations are sometimes covered with new snow and are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. Remotely triggered and natural avalanches are possible in isolated cases.

Additionally avalanches can also be released in deep layers. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found on steep, little used shady slopes above approximately 2200 m and on steep sunny slopes above approximately 2500 m. Especially transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack are unfavourable. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for defensive route selection.

Snowpack

 Danger patterns
 dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind
 dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

Over a wide area 10 to 20 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, fell on Monday. In some localities up to 50 cm of snow will fall above approximately 1000 m. The wind will be moderate. The fresh snow and the wind slabs are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack.

Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack, especially on shady slopes above approximately 2200 m, as well as on sunny slopes above approximately 2500 m.

The snowpack remains quite prone to triggering. Whumpfing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack are a clear indication.

Tendency

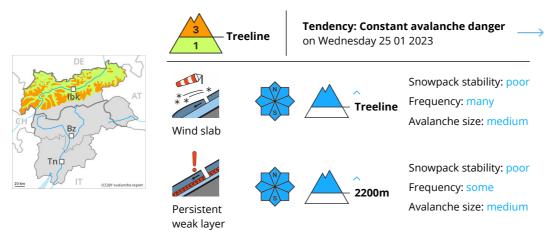
Considerable avalanche danger will persist. The cold fresh snow and in particular the sometimes large wind slabs formed by the moderate to strong wind are poorly bonded with the old snowpack.



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Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Wind slabs require caution, especially above the tree line, as well as in areas close to the tree line.

As a consequence of a sometimes strong easterly wind, further wind slabs formed on Monday. The fresh and older wind slabs can be released easily, even by a single winter sport participant,. As a consequence of warming, the likelihood of slab avalanches being released will increase for a while. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in all aspects above the tree line, in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in pass areas, as well as in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Caution is to be exercised, including in areas close to the tree line. At elevated altitudes the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent.

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation loose snow avalanches are possible. This applies especially on rocky sunny slopes.

Additionally avalanches can also be triggered in deep layers. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found on steep, little used shady slopes above approximately 2200 m and on steep sunny slopes above approximately 2500 m.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

As a consequence of a strong wind from northeasterly directions, extensive wind slabs formed in the last few days. These will be deposited on soft layers. The snowpack remains prone to triggering especially adjacent to ridgelines in all aspects.

Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack, especially on shady slopes above approximately 2200 m, as well as on sunny slopes above approximately 2500 m. Stability tests and field observations confirm that the stability of the snowpack varies greatly within a small area.

Tendency



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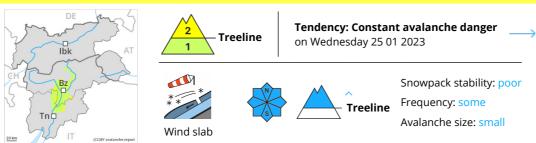


Above the tree line a considerable avalanche danger will persist.

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Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Moderate avalanche danger will be encountered in some regions.

As a consequence of new snow and wind, avalanche prone wind slabs formed in some places. Avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found on very steep slopes, in particular in areas close to the tree line, and above the tree line. Caution is to be exercised adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. The mostly small wind slabs are to be bypassed in particular in terrain where there is a danger of falling. They are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

5 to 10 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen. As a consequence of new snow and a moderate to strong wind from northeasterly directions, mostly small wind slabs formed. In some places wind slabs are lying on soft layers. From a snow sport perspective, in most cases insufficient snow is lying.

Tendency

Fresh wind slabs require caution.