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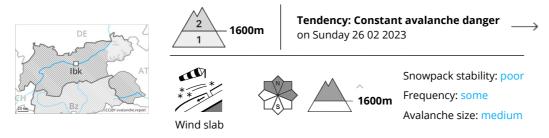








Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Fresh wind slabs represent the main danger.

The fresh wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular on northwest to north to east facing aspects above approximately 1600 m. These are in isolated cases extensive and can be released easily. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. In the regions exposed to heavier precipitation the avalanche danger is higher.

Snowpack

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

20 to 30 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall on Saturday. As a consequence of new snow and a strong to storm force wind from westerly directions, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs will form in particular on northeast, north and west facing slopes, in particular above approximately 1600 m. In very isolated cases weak layers exist in the centre of the snowpack, especially on shady slopes above approximately 2200 m.

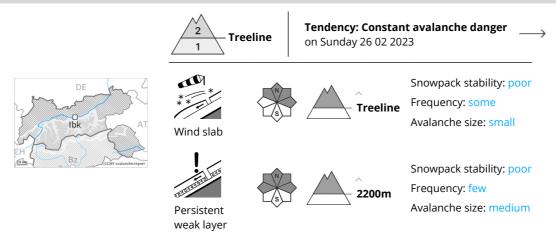
Over a wide area only a small amount of snow is lying for the time of year.

Tendency

5 to 10 cm of snow will fall on Sunday. The avalanche danger will persist.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Fresh wind slabs require caution. Weakly bonded old snow above approximately 2200 m.

The fresh wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular on northwest to north to east facing aspects above the tree line. These are mostly rather small but can in some cases be released easily.

Weak layers in the old snowpack can be released even now by individual winter sport participants, especially on the Main Alpine Ridge and to the north. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on steep, little used west, north and east facing slopes above approximately 2200 m and at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack. These places are rare but are difficult to recognise. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized.

Careful route selection is recommended.

Snowpack

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

10 to 20 cm of snow will fall on Saturday, in particular on the Main Alpine Ridge and to the north. As a consequence of new snow and a strong wind from westerly directions, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs will form in particular on northeast, north and west facing slopes. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations above the tree line.

Isolated avalanche prone weak layers exist in the centre of the snowpack in particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes, especially between approximately 2200 and 2600 m.

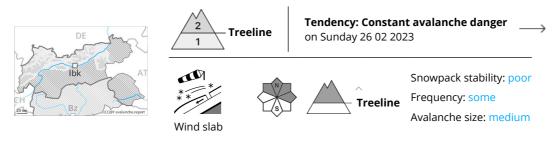
Over a wide area only a small amount of snow is lying for the time of year.

Tendency

5 to 10 cm of snow will fall on Sunday, in particular on the Main Alpine Ridge and to the north. The avalanche danger will persist.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Fresh wind slabs represent the main danger.

The fresh wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular on northwest to north to east facing aspects above the tree line. These are in isolated cases extensive and can be released easily. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. In the regions exposed to heavier precipitation the avalanche danger is higher.

Avalanches can additionally in isolated cases be released in the weakly bonded old snow also. These avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on extremely steep shady slopes and at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack. They are very rare but are difficult to recognise. Single winter sport participants can release avalanches only in isolated cases.

Careful route selection is recommended.

Snowpack

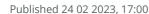
Danger patterns dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

20 to 30 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall on Saturday. As a consequence of new snow and a strong to storm force wind from westerly directions, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs will form in particular on northeast, north and west facing slopes, in particular above the tree line. In very isolated cases weak layers exist in the centre of the snowpack, especially on shady slopes above approximately 2200 m.

Over a wide area only a small amount of snow is lying for the time of year.

Tendency

5 to 10 cm of snow will fall on Sunday. The avalanche danger will persist.





Danger Level 1 - Low





Tendency: Constant avalanche danger on Sunday 26 02 2023

Currently there are favourable conditions generally.

Single winter sport participants can release avalanches only in isolated cases. The avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular on extremely steep shady slopes and at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack. They are very rare but are difficult to recognise. In many places there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

The snowpack is largely stable and its surface has a crust that is strong in many cases. The solar radiation will give rise as the day progresses to slight moistening of the snowpack, especially at low and intermediate altitudes.

In very isolated cases weak layers exist in the centre of the snowpack, especially on shady slopes above approximately 2200 m, and on sunny slopes at elevated altitudes.

The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations above the tree line. Over a wide area only a small amount of snow is lying for the time of year.

Little snow will fall on Saturday in some localities.

Tendency

The backcountry touring conditions remain mostly favourable. Little snow will fall on Sunday in some localities.