



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Sunday 31 12 2023



Gliding snow



Snowpack stability: **very poor**

Frequency: **few**

Avalanche size: **medium**

Gliding avalanches are the main danger.

A moderate (level 2) danger of gliding avalanches exists, in particular on steep east, south and west facing slopes below approximately 2600 m. Gliding avalanches can be released at any time of day or night.

Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

Older wind slabs can be released in isolated cases, but mostly only by large additional loads, on extremely steep shady slopes in high Alpine regions. These places are very rare and are clearly recognisable to the trained eye.

In steep terrain there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.2: gliding snow

The snowpack will be stable over a wide area. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. As a consequence of rising temperatures and rain a crust formed on the surface. This applies in all aspects below approximately 2600 m, as well as on steep sunny slopes. Sunshine and high temperatures will give rise to slight softening of the snowpack on steep sunny slopes.

Low and intermediate altitudes: The snowpack is wet all the way through and its surface has a crust that is strong in many cases.

Tendency

Over a wide area 5 to 10 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall on Sunday above approximately 1000 m. As a consequence of new snow and strong wind there will be only a slight increase in the avalanche danger. Fresh wind slabs require caution.

A certain danger of gliding avalanches exists.

Danger Level 1 - Low



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Sunday 31 12 2023

The conditions are generally favourable.

A certain danger of gliding avalanches exists. This applies in the regions with a lot of snow on steep east, south and west facing slopes below approximately 2600 m. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

Older wind slabs can be released in isolated cases, but mostly only by large additional loads, on extremely steep shady slopes in high Alpine regions. The avalanche prone locations are very rare and are easy to recognise.

In steep terrain there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.2: gliding snow

The snowpack will be stable over a wide area. Towards its base, the snowpack is faceted. Snow depths vary greatly above the tree line, depending on the influence of the wind. Sunshine and high temperatures will give rise as the day progresses to slight moistening of the snowpack on steep sunny slopes.

Low and intermediate altitudes: The snowpack is wet all the way through and its surface has a melt-freeze crust that is strong in many cases, this also applies on steep sunny slopes at high altitude.

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