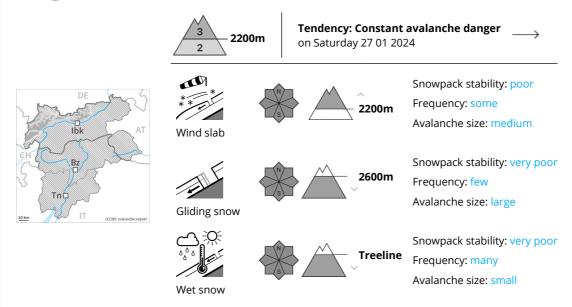








Danger Level 3 - Considerable



The backcountry and freeriding conditions are to some extent unfavourable.

As a consequence of new snow and a strong wind from northwesterly directions, extensive wind slabs will form above the tree line. Avalanche prone locations are to be found on wind-loaded slopes and adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. As a consequence of the snowfall the prevalence and size of the avalanche prone locations will increase as the day progresses. At elevated altitudes the likelihood of avalanches being released is greater.

Individual medium-sized natural avalanches are not ruled out. This applies in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation, in particular in case of releases originating from very steep high-altitude and leeward starting zones.

As a consequence of the precipitation more frequent gliding avalanches are possible, even large ones in isolated cases. This applies in particular in all aspects below approximately 2600 m. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

On extremely steep slopes small and, in isolated cases, medium-sized wet loose snow avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of the rain.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.2: gliding snow

Over a wide area 20 to 40 cm of snow will fall on Thursday. Up to the tree line rain will fall in some regions. This applies in particular in the west. In the east the snowfall level will be lower.

High altitudes and the high Alpine regions:

The northwesterly wind will transport the new snow significantly. Avalanche prone weak layers exist in the top section of the snowpack. The new snow and wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old

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snowpack. Towards its base, the snowpack is largely stable.

Low and intermediate altitudes:

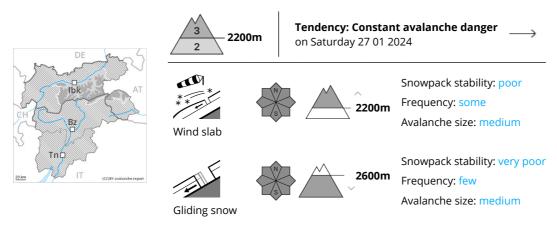
The rain will give rise to a loss of strength within the snowpack.

Tendency

Friday: The snowpack remains prone to triggering. 5 to 15 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall, especially in the northwest. The wind will be strong in some cases.



Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Fresh wind slabs require caution.

As a consequence of new snow and a strong wind from northwesterly directions, extensive wind slabs formed above approximately 2200 m. In the course of the day the wind slabs will increase in size additionally. Even single winter sport participants can release avalanches in some places, including medium-sized ones. Avalanche prone locations are to be found on wind-loaded slopes and adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. At elevated altitudes the likelihood of avalanches being released is greater.

More gliding avalanches are possible, in particular medium-sized ones. This applies in particular on steep grassy slopes below approximately 2600 m. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

On extremely steep slopes small and, in isolated cases, medium-sized wet loose snow avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.

Snowpack

Danger patterns dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind dp.2: gliding snow

15 to 30 cm of snow, and up to 40 cm in some localities, has fallen.

5 to 10 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall on Friday. Up to intermediate altitudes rain will fall in some regions.

The northwesterly wind will transport the new snow. Avalanche prone weak layers exist in the top section of the snowpack. The new snow and wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack. Towards its base, the snowpack is largely stable.

Low and intermediate altitudes:

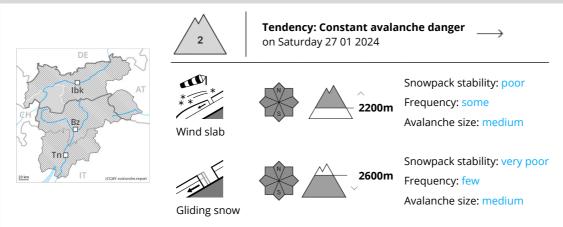
The high temperatures will give rise to significant moistening of the snowpack.

Tendency

Wind slabs and gliding snow represent the main danger.







Wind slabs and gliding snow require caution.

As a consequence of new snow and a sometimes strong wind from northwesterly directions, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs formed. Avalanches can in some places be released by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size. Avalanche prone locations are to be found in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain above approximately 2200 m. At elevated altitudes the avalanche prone locations are a little more prevalent.

More gliding avalanches are possible, even quite large ones, in particular on steep grassy slopes below approximately 2600 m. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

On extremely steep slopes small to medium-sized loose snow avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.2: gliding snow

10 to 15 cm of snow, and up to 20 cm in some localities, has fallen.

Some snow will fall on Friday. Up to intermediate altitudes rain will fall.

The northwesterly wind will transport the new snow. Avalanche prone weak layers exist in the top section of the snowpack. The fresh wind slabs are lying on unfavourable layers at elevated altitudes.

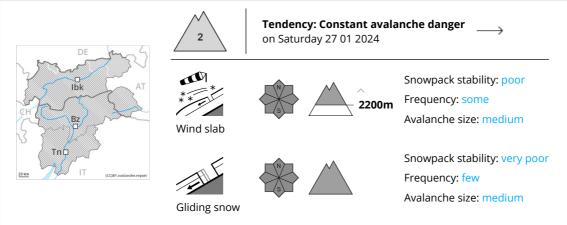
Towards its base, the snowpack is largely stable.

The high temperatures will give rise to significant moistening of the snowpack.

Tendency

Wind slabs represent the main danger.





Wind slabs and gliding snow require caution.

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More gliding avalanches are possible, even quite large ones, in particular on steep grassy slopes. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

On extremely steep slopes small to medium-sized loose snow avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.2: gliding snow

25 to 40 cm of snow has fallen.

Some snow will fall on Friday. Up to intermediate altitudes rain will fall.

The northwesterly wind will transport the new snow. The fresh wind slabs are lying on soft layers at elevated altitudes.

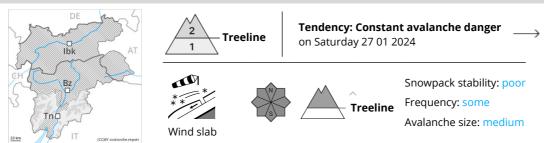
Towards its base, the snowpack is largely stable.

The high temperatures will give rise to significant moistening of the snowpack.

Tendency

Wind slabs represent the main danger.





The fresh and older wind slabs represent the main danger. Small and medium-sized natural avalanches are possible in particular at the base of rock walls and behind abrupt changes in the terrain.

The wind slabs must be evaluated with care and prudence in all aspects above the tree line. These can be released even by a single winter sport participant.

The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls in all aspects. In addition as the day progresses in particular at the base of rock walls and behind abrupt changes in the terrain, further small and medium-sized natural avalanches are possible.

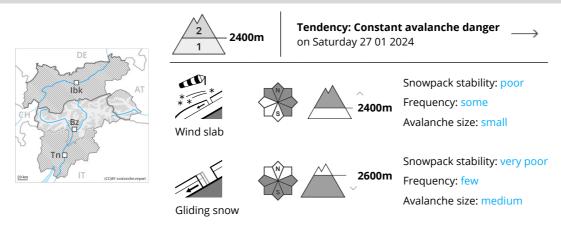
Snowpack

More recent wind slabs are poorly bonded with the old snowpack above the tree line. The spring-like weather conditions gave rise to moistening of the snowpack below approximately 2700 m. Snow depths vary greatly, depending on the infuence of the wind. Weak layers in the old snowpack necessitate caution and restraint.

Tendency

As a consequence of mild temperatures and the moderate to strong northwesterly wind, the snow drift accumulations will increase in size on Saturday.





Wind slabs and gliding snow require caution.

As a consequence of a sometimes strong wind from northwesterly directions, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs will form on north and east facing slopes. Avalanche prone locations are to be found in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain above approximately 2400 m. At elevated altitudes the avalanche prone locations are a little more prevalent and exist in all aspects. Avalanches can in some cases reach medium size.

More gliding avalanches are possible, even quite large ones, in particular on steep east, south and west facing slopes below approximately 2600 m, in particular in the regions with a lot of snow. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

On extremely steep slopes more small to medium-sized wet loose snow avalanches are possible as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.

Snowpack

Danger patterns dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind dp.2: gliding snow

Some snow will fall in particular in the north. Up to intermediate altitudes rain will fall.

High altitudes and the high Alpine regions:

The northwesterly wind will transport the new snow and, in some cases, old snow as well. The fresh wind slabs will be deposited on soft layers at elevated altitudes. They are in some cases prone to triggering. Towards its base, the snowpack consists of faceted crystals. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations above the tree line.

Intermediate altitudes: Early and late morning: The snowpack is wet and its surface has a melt-freeze crust.

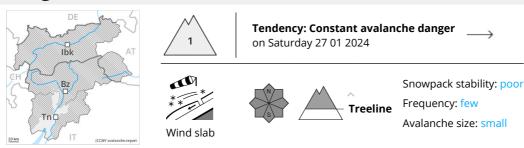
Tendency

Wind slabs represent the main danger.





Danger Level 1 - Low



The fresh and older wind slabs represent the main danger. Small and medium-sized natural avalanches are possible in particular at the base of rock walls and behind abrupt changes in the terrain.

The wind slabs must be evaluated with care and prudence in all aspects above the tree line. These can be released even by a single winter sport participant.

The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls in all aspects. In addition as the day progresses in particular at the base of rock walls and behind abrupt changes in the terrain, further small and medium-sized natural avalanches are possible.

Snowpack

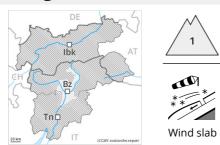
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Tendency

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Danger Level 1 - Low







Snowpack stability: poor Frequency: few Avalanche size: small

Wind slabs require caution. Moist snow slides are possible during the day.

The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released in isolated cases, especially at their margins. Caution is to be exercised in particular adjacent to ridgelines in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Mostly avalanches are small.

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation gliding avalanches and moist snow slides are possible, but they will be mostly small.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.10: springtime scenario

Wind slabs are lying on soft layers in particular on steep shady slopes. The old snowpack will be quite stable. Early and late morning: The snowpack is moist and its surface has a melt-freeze crust.

Tendency

Wind slabs and wet snow require caution.