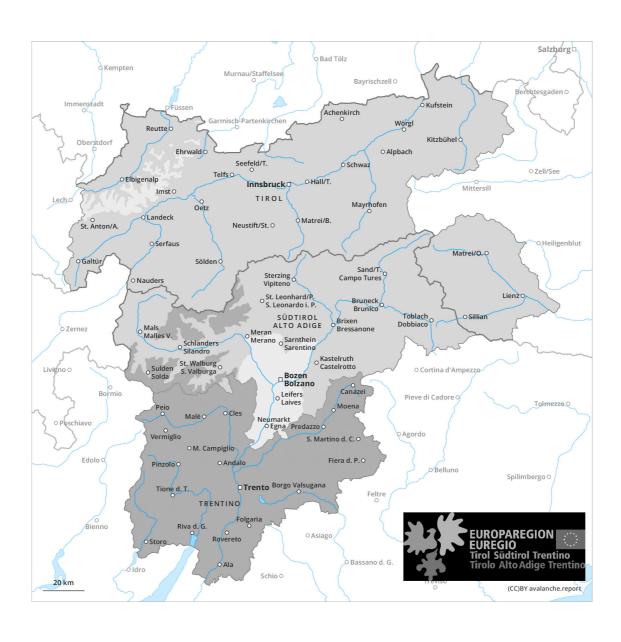
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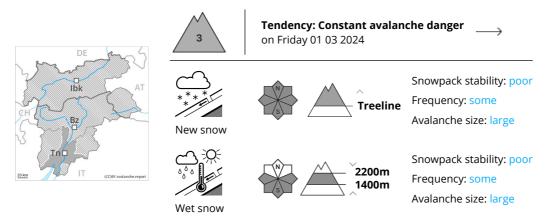








Danger Level 3 - Considerable



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Snowpack

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

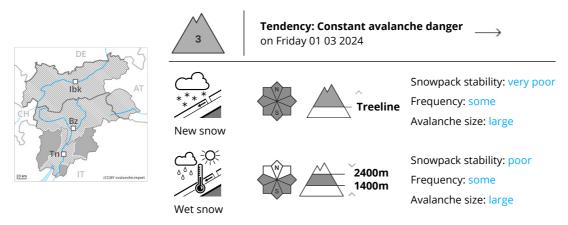
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Tendency

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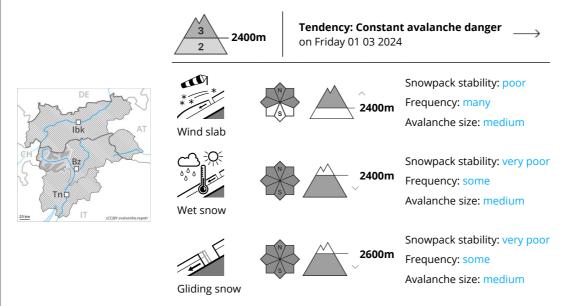
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Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Fresh wind slabs represent the main danger. Gliding snow requires caution.

The wind slabs can be released even by a single winter sport participant in particular on steep shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. The number and size of avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude. Weak layers in the old snowpack can still be released in very isolated cases by individual winter sport participants. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on west, north and east facing slopes above approximately 2400 m. Avalanches can in isolated cases penetrate deep layers and reach large size.

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation more frequent medium-sized moist loose snow avalanches are to be expected below approximately 2600 m. In addition individual moist slab avalanches are possible. In particular in the regions with a lot of snow more frequent medium-sized gliding avalanches are to be expected, especially below approximately 2600 m.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.2: gliding snow

In some regions up to 50 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, fell in the last two days. As a consequence of wind, avalanche prone wind slabs formed in the last few days, in particular at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions.

Isolated avalanche prone weak layers exist deeper in the snowpack in particular on steep east, north and west facing slopes.

Up to high altitudes rain fell on Wednesday in some regions. Thursday: The surface of the snowpack cooled hardly at all during the overcast night and will soften quickly.

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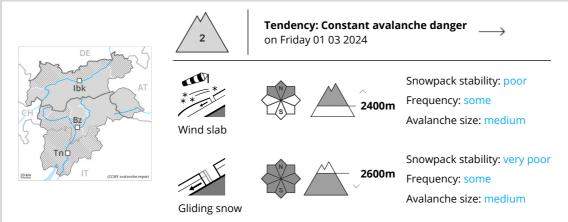


Tendency

Over a wide area 5 to 10 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall on Friday. As a consequence of the new snow there will be only a slight increase in the avalanche danger.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Fresh wind slabs require caution. Wet and gliding snow require caution.

The wind slabs of the last few days can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases in particular on steep shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. This applies especially adjacent to ridgelines. In some cases avalanches are medium-sized. The number and size of avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude. Avalanches can in very isolated cases be triggered in the old snowpack and reach large size in isolated cases in particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes. Such avalanche prone locations are to be found above approximately 2400 m.

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation more frequent moist loose snow avalanches are to be expected as the day progresses, but they will be mostly small. On steep grassy slopes medium-sized gliding avalanches are to be expected, especially below approximately 2600 m.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.2: gliding snow

In some regions 5 to 15 cm of snow fell on Tuesday. The southerly wind has transported the new snow. The more recent wind slabs are lying on soft layers in particular on steep shady slopes.

In isolated cases new snow and wind slabs are lying on a weakly bonded old snowpack, in particular on steep west, north and east facing slopes above approximately 2400 m.

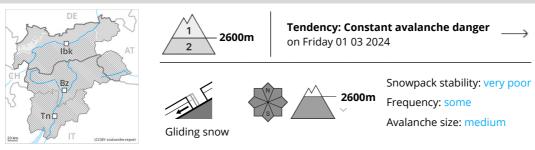
The snowpack will be moist below approximately 2400 m. The surface of the snowpack cooled hardly at all during the overcast night and will soften quickly.

Tendency

Some snow will fall on Friday over a wide area, in particular on the Main Alpine Ridge and to the south. Gliding avalanches and moist snow slides are still possible.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Gliding snow represents the main danger.

On steep grassy slopes small and medium-sized gliding avalanches are to be expected, in particular below approximately 2600 m.

The fresh wind slabs are in some cases still prone to triggering on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. Avalanches can in very isolated cases be released by a single winter sport participant, but they will be small in most cases. The prevalence of avalanche prone locations and likelihood of triggering will increase with altitude.

Snowpack

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

The sometimes strong wind has transported the new snow. In some cases wind slabs are lying on soft layers, in particular on shady slopes above approximately 2400 m.

The snowpack will be moist below approximately 2400 m. The surface of the snowpack cooled hardly at all during the overcast night and will soften quickly.

Tendency

Small to medium-sized wet and gliding avalanches are possible as a consequence of warming. The wind slabs are unlikely to be released now.



Danger Level 1 - Low





Tendency: Constant avalanche danger on Friday 01 03 2024

Wind slabs require caution. In addition individual gliding avalanches and moist snow slides are possible.

The fresh wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant in isolated cases in particular on steep shady slopes at high altitude. Mostly avalanches are only small.

On steep grassy slopes mostly small gliding avalanches and moist snow slides are possible.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

The wind slabs are in isolated cases prone to triggering.

At low altitude hardly any snow is lying.

Tendency

Some snow will fall. As a consequence of the new snow there will be only a very slight increase in the avalanche danger.