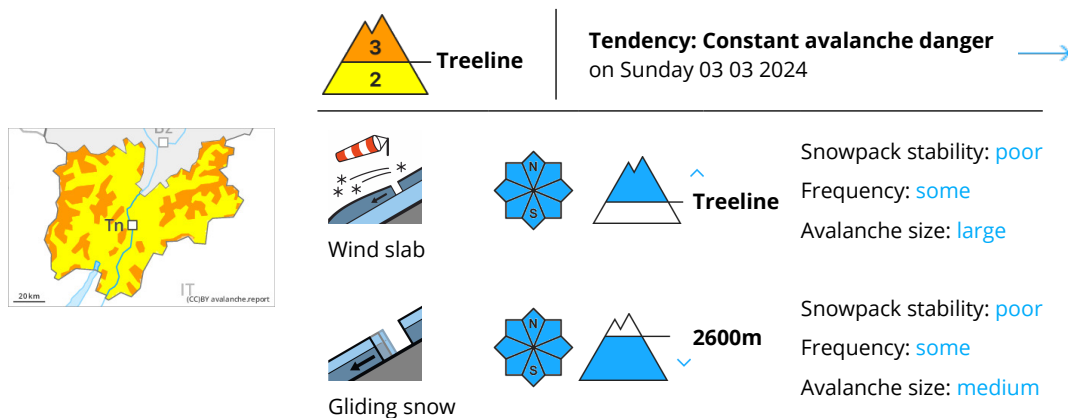


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



New snow, wind slabs and old snow represent the main danger. Snow sport activities outside marked and open pistes call for very extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

As a consequence of the new snow natural avalanches are possible, even large ones in isolated cases, especially on steep slopes. In steep gullies in the regions with a lot of snow the avalanches can reach intermediate altitudes. Even single backcountry tourers can release avalanches easily. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in steep terrain above the tree line. Caution is to be exercised in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls, as well as at the base of rock walls and behind abrupt changes in the terrain in particular at high altitude. The avalanche prone locations are prevalent and are barely recognisable, even to the trained eye.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for great caution and restraint. Below approximately 2600 m small and medium-sized gliding avalanches and snow slides are possible. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.2: gliding snow

Over a wide area over a wide area 15 to 30 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, fell on Friday above approximately 1700 m. The fresh snow as well as the often deep wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases in all aspects above approximately 2000 m. The snowpack will be moist below approximately 2400 m. Below approximately 1300 m hardly any snow is lying.

Tendency

In some regions 5 to 10 cm of snow will fall on Saturday above approximately 1500 m. The avalanche danger will persist.