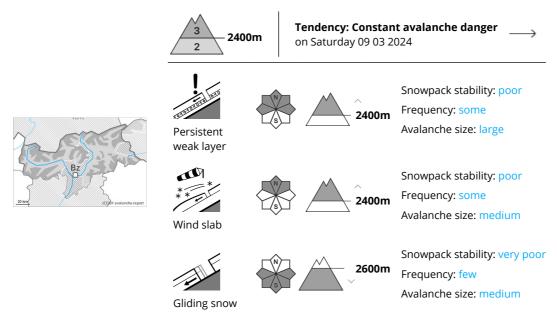








Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Weakly bonded old snow represents the main danger. This applies above approximately 2400 m. Gliding snow requires caution.

Weak layers in the upper part of the snowpack can be released by individual winter sport participants. Avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on steep shady slopes above approximately 2400 m, caution is to be exercised in particular in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation on the Main Alpine Ridge. Places where surface hoar has been covered with snow are especially unfavourable. Avalanches can reach large size in isolated cases. Careful route selection is recommended.

As a consequence of a sometimes strong southerly wind, sometimes avalanche prone wind slabs will form. Caution is to be exercised in particular on very steep shady slopes, as well as adjacent to ridgelines and in pass areas at elevated altitudes. The prevalence of such avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude.

In addition a latent danger of gliding avalanches exists, in particular on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2600 m. These can in isolated cases reach dangerously large size. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.8: surface hoar blanketed with snow

dp.4: cold following warm / warm following cold

Some snow will fall in some localities. The meteorological conditions will foster a stabilisation of the snowpack. In some places new snow is lying on surface hoar, especially in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation on the Main Alpine Ridge. Faceted weak layers exist in the top section of the old snowpack in particular on west, north and east facing slopes. This applies above approximately 2400 m.

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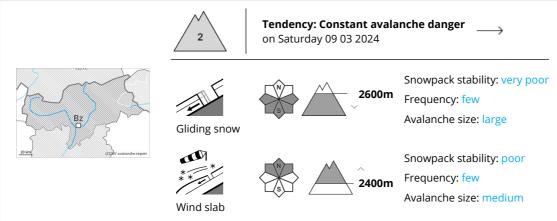
Fresh wind slabs are lying on soft layers at elevated altitudes.

Tendency

Weakly bonded old snow is to be evaluated with care and prudence.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Gliding snow represents the main danger.

A latent danger of gliding avalanches exists, in particular on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2600 m. These can reach dangerously large size. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible.

The new snow and wind slabs can still be released in some cases in particular on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized.

Snowpack

Danger patterns dp.2: gliding snow

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

The meteorological conditions will foster a stabilisation of the snowpack. Isolated avalanche prone weak layers exist in the top section of the old snowpack on west, north and east facing slopes. This applies above approximately 2400 m.

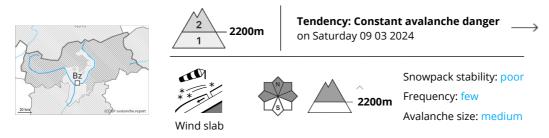
Some snow will fall in some localities. The wind will be moderate to strong in some localities. Fresh wind slabs are lying on soft layers at elevated altitudes. The old snowpack will be moist below approximately 2200 m.

Tendency

Gliding snow represents the main danger.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Wind slabs require caution. In addition gliding avalanches and moist snow slides are to be expected.

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

Snowpack

Danger patterns (dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind) (dp.10: springtime scenario

The wind slabs are in isolated cases prone to triggering.

At low altitude hardly any snow is lying.

Tendency

Fresh wind slabs require caution. Moist loose snow slides require caution.