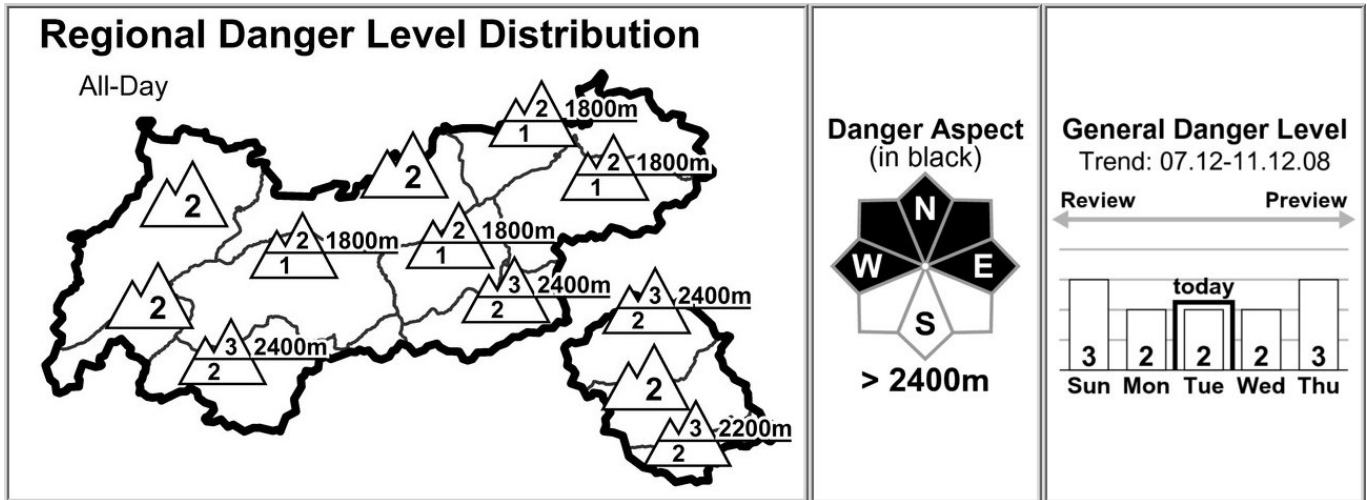


Avalanche Bulletin

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MODERATE DANGER GENERALLY, IN HIGH ALPINE REGIONS STILL CONSIDERABLE DANGER

AVALANCHE DANGER

The avalanche hazards are now predominantly moderate. However, the situation in the backcountry touring regions along the Main Alpine Ridge and in East Tyrol are somewhat less favourable, where the danger level above approximately 2400 m is still considerable in places. The major hazard stems from freshly formed and older snowdrift accumulations which are to be found primarily on west to north to east facing steep slopes. It is still possible to trigger a slab avalanche by minimum additional loading in these places, even the weight of a single backcountry skier or freerider is sufficient. Isolated full depth snowslides, particularly on steep, grassy hillsides below about 2200 m, are also possible.

SNOW LAYERING

The snowpack is now well settled and consolidated. Nonetheless, caution is necessary: along the Main Alpine Ridge and in East Tyrol at high altitudes, the snowdrift accumulations are prone to triggering wherever they are poorly bonded with the old snowpack.

ALPINE WEATHER FORECAST (ZAMG-WEATHER SERVICE INNSBRUCK)

The high pressure zone is weakening. A low over western Europe is moving nearer. East and South Tyrol in particular expect intermittently heavy precipitation from Wednesday until Friday. Subsequently, North Tyrol will also get a bit of new snow. Today, a beautiful mountain day is anticipated, even if the sunshine will not go unchallenged. During the course of the day, clouds will move in, but remain high above the summits, managing to dampen the sunshine only slightly during the afternoon. Brisk southwesterly winds will arise during the day. Temperature at 2000 m: between minus 2 and plus 2 degrees; at 3000 m: minus 6 degrees.

SHORT TERM DEVELOPMENT

Through heavy snowfall, escalating avalanche danger on Main Alpine Ridge and in East Tyrol.

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