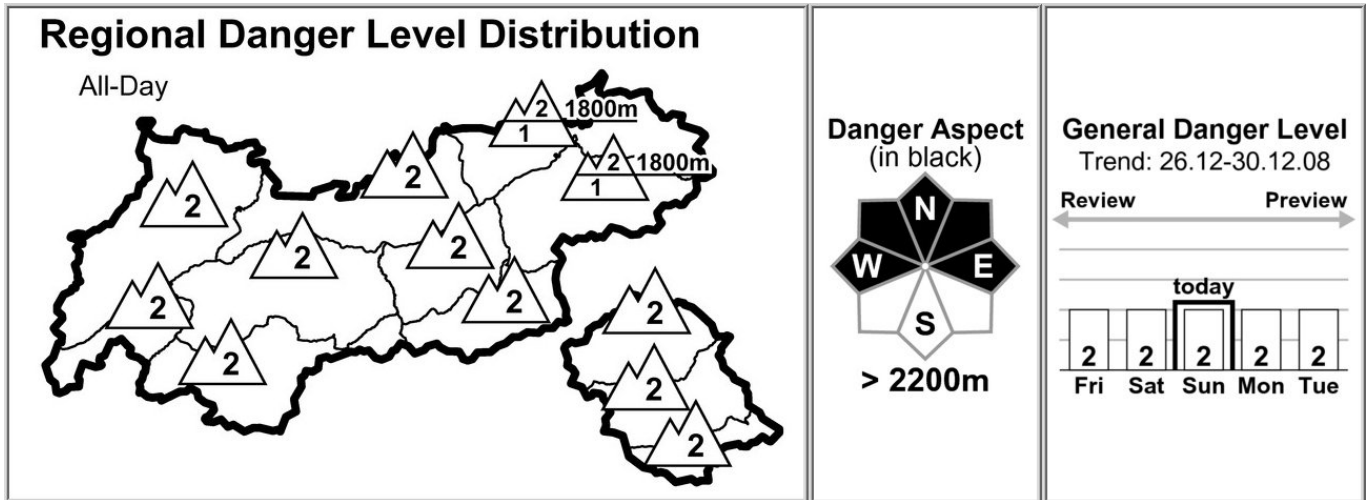


Avalanche Bulletin

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FAVOURABLE TOURING CONDITIONS FAR AND WIDE, WITH MODERATE AVALANCHE DANGER

AVALANCHE DANGER

In Tyrol's backcountry touring regions, favourable conditions amid moderate avalanche danger prevail, by and large. Avalanche prone locations for dry slab avalanches are to be found above approximately 2200 m primarily on west to north to east facing slopes and in areas adjacent to ridge lines in all aspects. In general, large additional loading is necessary to trigger an avalanche, as, for example, when an entire group of backcountry skiers or freeriders enters a slope simultaneously. However, the frequency of avalanche prone locations increases with rising altitude. The hazards of full depth snowslides have receded significantly and no longer present a great danger.

SNOW LAYERING

The snowpack in low lying areas and at intermediate altitudes has now stabilised well, in many places there is a surface crust. Even in high alpine regions, the snowpack is generally well settled and consolidated, although the snowdrift accumulations which formed yesterday still necessitate caution. In inneralpine regions in particular, there are isolated layers embedded in the snowpack which are prone to triggering.

ALPINE WEATHER FORECAST (ZAMG-WEATHER SERVICE INNSBRUCK)

Weather situation: the Alps are on the southern edge of a high pressure zone, southeasterly foehn winds prevail in the mountains. Mountain weather today: in the morning in low lying areas, particularly in the central part of the Inn Valley, high fog up to an altitude of 1500 m. Elsewhere, very sunny and pleasant conditions, at higher altitudes it will be windy. Adequate protection against cold and wind are highly recommended for backcountry skiers and freeriders today. Temperature at 2000 m: minus 6 degrees; at 3000 m: minus 11 degrees. Moderate to strong southerly foehn winds at high altitudes.

SHORT TERM DEVELOPMENT

Beautiful, deep wintery weather with ongoing favourable touring conditions.

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