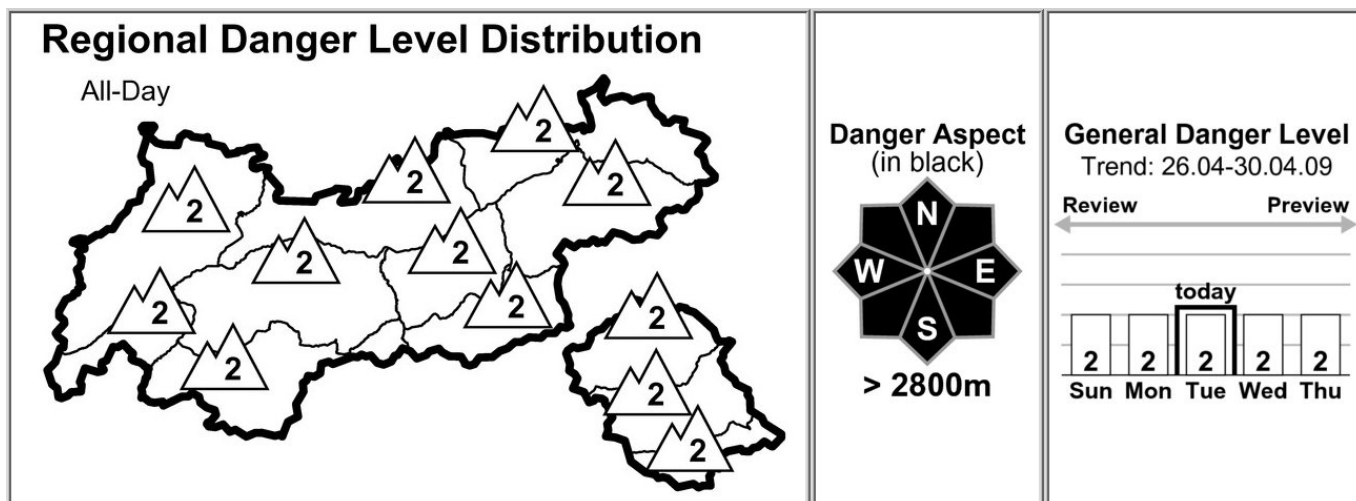


Avalanche Bulletin

of the Avalanche Warning Service Tyrol

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MODERATE AVALANCHE DANGER IN GENERAL

AVALANCHE DANGER

The avalanche danger in Tyrol's backcountry touring regions is moderate far and wide. Above approximately 2800 m, caution is urged primarily towards freshly formed and older snowdrift accumulations. Avalanche prone locations are to be found on steep slopes and areas adjacent to ridge lines in all expositions. Triggering avalanches is generally possible only through large additional loading, e.g. when an entire group of skiers or freeriders enter a slope simultaneously. Below about 2200 m in corridors where avalanches have not yet been discharged, isolated natural moist sluffs and wet snow avalanches can be expected.

SNOW LAYERING

Over the last 24 hours there has been a few centimeters of snowfall in East Tyrol above approximately 1600 m, most of it in southern regions. The snowpack is now thoroughly wet up to intermediate altitudes, on sunny slopes up to high altitudes. The slopes are rapidly becoming bare of snow as the season progresses. Last night was generally cloudy, which impeded outgoing longwave radiation; thus, no crust capable of bearing loads could form. Especially in high alpine regions, caution is urged towards the recently formed snowdrift accumulations which are often poorly bonded with the old snowpack.

ALPINE WEATHER FORECAST (ZAMG-WEATHER SERVICE INNSBRUCK)

General weather conditions: Tyrol is gradually being wedged between two low pressure zones, one in the west, one in the south. Tomorrow a cold front will sweep across the land, bringing rain and lower temperatures. On Thursday, these conditions will continue; towards the weekend, the air pressure will begin to climb again. Mountain weather today: from the Ortler to the Dolomites and from the Weisskogel to the Grossglockner, the peaks are behind dense clouds and snow showers are widespread. From the Tux Alps to the Wilder Kaiser, on the other hand, it will be partly sunny, but with strong foehn winds. On Tuesday night, snowfall is expected everywhere and temperatures will drop. Temperature at 2000 m: plus 3 to plus 5 degrees; at 3000 m: minus 4 to minus 7 degrees. Along the Main Alpine Ridge and east of the Tux Alps, strong to stormy southerly winds will prevail, but slacken off towards evening.

SHORT TERM DEVELOPMENT

Slightly escalating avalanche danger due to precipitation.

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