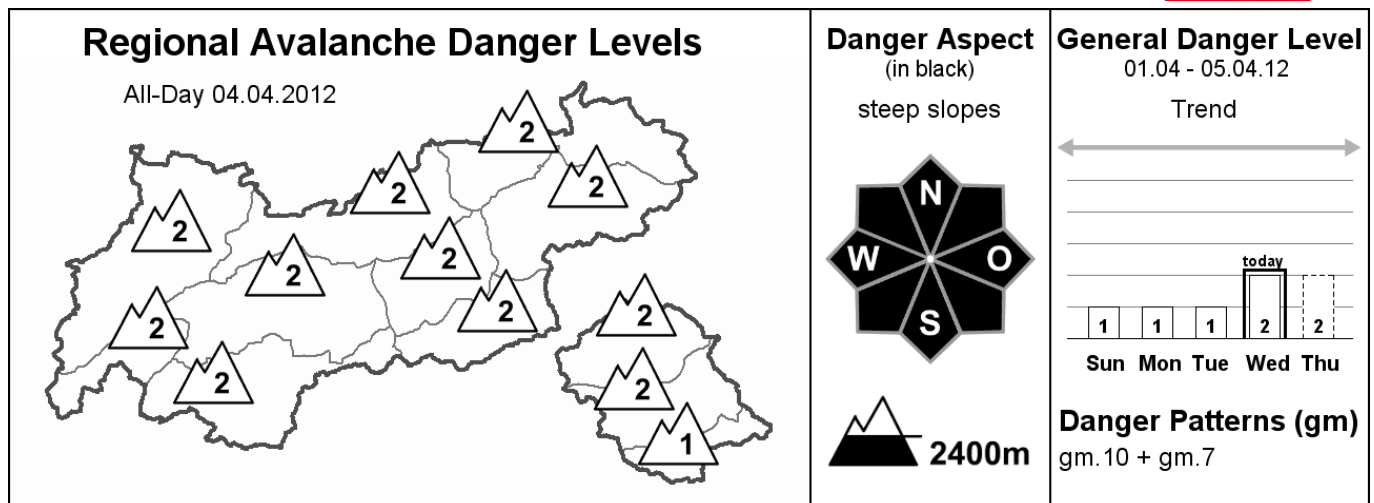


Avalanche Bulletin

of the Avalanche Warning Service Tyrol

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Moderate avalanche danger widespread

AVALANCHE DANGER

The avalanche danger in Tyrol's backcountry touring regions can be categorised as moderate far and wide. Below about 2400 m, naturally triggered moist slides and west snow avalanches are possible in isolated cases even during the morning hours. Avalanche prone locations are to be found primarily on steep, east to south to west facing slopes. In high alpine regions, freshly formed, relatively small snowdrift accumulations require caution. Danger zones can be found in ridgeline areas in all aspects. Moreover, transition areas from shallow to deep snow should be evaluated with great care.

SNOW LAYERING

Skies were variably cloudy last night, thus the snowpack could not cool as well as in recent days. For that reason, only a very thin melt-freeze crust was able to form in most places. The snowpack surface is becoming increasingly irregular: in wind protected zones there is still loosely packed snow, elsewhere the surface is hard compressed or has breakable crusts. Most of all, in the typical foehn corridors in high alpine regions, new, small sized snowdrift accumulation have formed in ridgeline areas due to the southwesterly wind.

ALPINE WEATHER FORECAST (ZAMG-WEATHER SERVICE INNSBRUCK)

Weather in general: Moist, mild air masses are being brought to Tyrol from the southwest. In North Tyrol, foehn wind still prevails only in the mountains. On Thursday and Friday, light winds with a high tendency towards rain showers. On Saturday, a powerful cold front will arrive from the northwest. Mountain weather today: the Main Alpine Ridge and the Southern Alps will have heavy cloud. This afternoon, some snow and rain showers, the snowfall level at 2200 m. Tonight it will remain dry only in the Northern Alps, generally overcast. Temperature at 2000 m: plus 3 degrees; at 3000 m: minus 5 degrees. Moderate, in places still strong, southerly winds.

SHORT TERM DEVELOPMENT

Avalanche danger is predominantly moderate

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