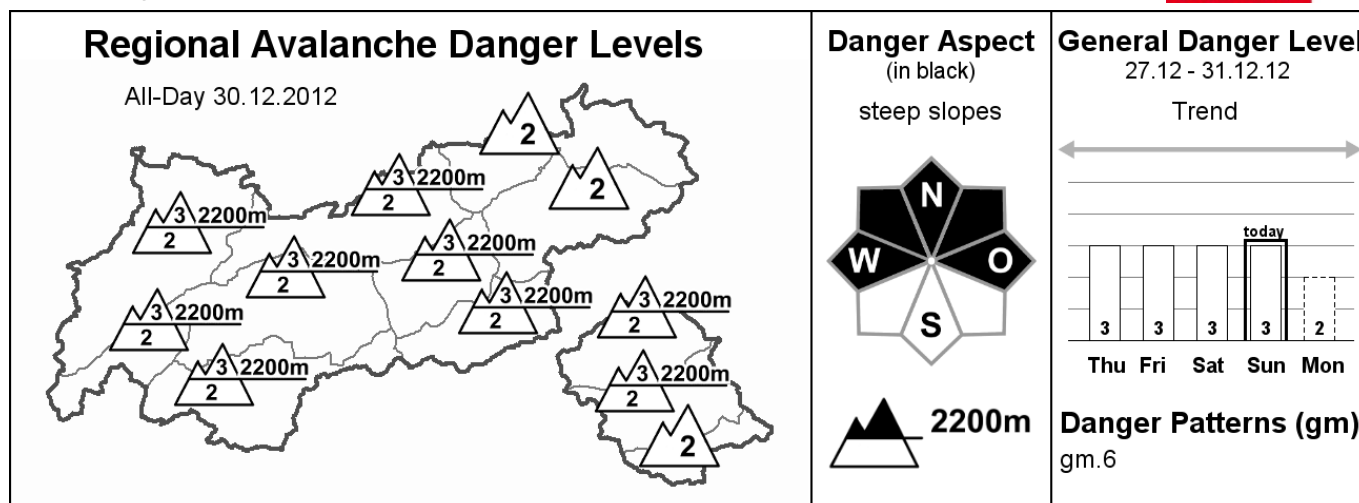


Avalanche Bulletin

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Regionally above 2200 m, avalanche danger is considerable

AVALANCHE DANGER

The avalanche danger in Tirol's backcountry touring regions has subsided slightly but above approximately 2200 m is still considerable from region to region. More than anything else, the snow drift accumulations which ongoingly formed afresh over the course of the week can still be triggered by minimum additional loading, i.e. the weight of one single person. Avalanche prone locations are to be found on steep slopes above 2200 m, especially in western to northern to eastern aspects. Transition areas from shallow to deep snow also require special caution. The hazards of naturally triggered avalanches have receded, full depth snowslides can be expected only in isolated cases.

SNOW LAYERING

The new fallen and drifted snow masses of this last week have to some extent settled and consolidated. Fresh snow drift accumulations in particular, however, are still quite brittle, making them relatively easy to trigger. Caution is still urged towards the rather weak fundament in high alpine, shady terrain. At low and intermediate altitudes, the lower temperatures have somewhat stabilized the generally moistened snowpack.

ALPINE WEATHER FORECAST (ZAMG-WEATHER SERVICE INNSBRUCK)

Weather: Amidst a westerly high altitude airstream, Tirol's northern regions will today be brushed by a weak cold front, following which the air current will shift to southwesterly. Over New Year's the air will be mild and dry. On Wednesday, the next disturbance will swiftly pass through, after which a northwesterly air current will predominate, but it will not turn cold. Mountain weather today: The peaks on the northern flank of the Alps will have some cloud to contend with, possibly a bit of light snowfall, but there will also be sunshine. The further south you go, the fewer clouds and more sunshine there will be. Temperature at 2000 m: minus 1 to minus 4 degrees; at 3000 m: minus 7 to minus 11 degrees. In high alpine regions, brisk westerly, elsewhere only light winds.

SHORT TERM DEVELOPMENT

Avalanche danger will slowly diminish

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