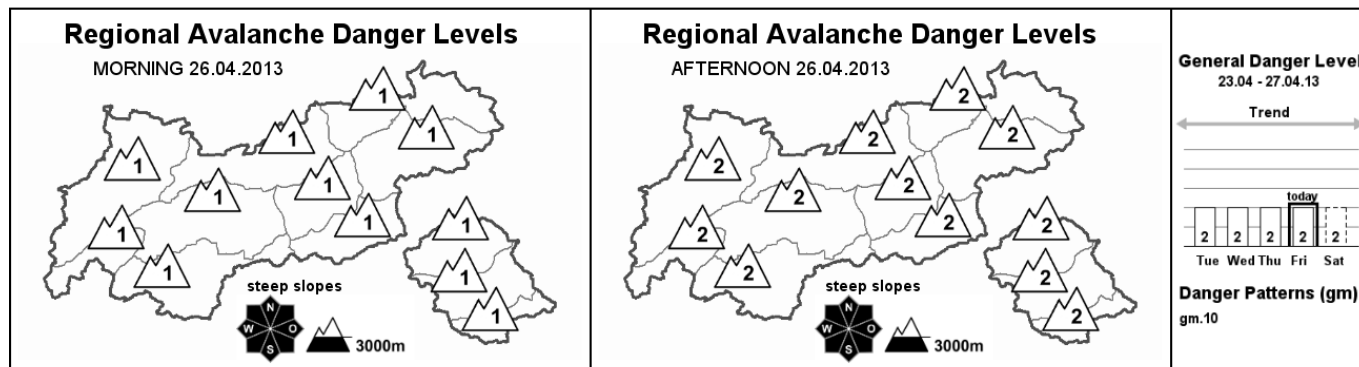


Avalanche Bulletin

of the Avalanche Warning Service Tyrol

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In early morning low danger, later on moderate danger

AVALANCHE DANGER

In Tirol's backcountry touring regions, favourable conditions prevail, accompanied by a daytime cycle of rising danger: in the early morning hours the danger level is generally low; as of late morning it increases to moderate, as of which point naturally triggered wet snow avalanches and full depth snowslides can be expected below about 2800m in isolated cases. Skiing and freeriding tours in outlying terrain need to be brought to an end early in the day. Infrequent avalanche prone locations for slab avalanches are still to be found on very steep, shady slopes and ridgeline areas above approximately 3000m.

SNOW LAYERING

The snow cover on sunny slopes below about 3200m, on shady slopes below about 2600m, is thoroughly wet. Due to the mild weather, the slopes are swiftly becoming bare of snow. Last night was predominantly clear or with only light cloud, so the snowpack surface was able to regain its firmness. This morning the temperature rise and strong solar radiation will soften up the melt-freeze crust rapidly, the firmness will again be lost.

ALPINE WEATHER FORECAST (ZAMG-WEATHER SERVICE INNSBRUCK)

Weather: The high pressure zone of recent days is weakening gradually. A low pressure zone is approaching from the west, preceded by a southerly foehn airstream over Tirol. In South and East Tirol, increasing cloud is lodged against the alpine barrier to the north, in North Tirol there will be foehn-induced sunshine. Mountain weather today: Apart from a bit of high altitude cloud, it will be predominantly sunny, amidst strong southerly winds bringing cloudiness on the southern flank of the Alps. In northern regions blue skies but windy, in southern regions a few rain showers this afternoon, Temperature at 2000m: plus 13 degrees; at 3000m: plus 3 degrees. Strong southerly winds are expected.

SHORT TERM DEVELOPMENT

Slightly increasing avalanche danger. Beware fresh snowdrift from strong foehn winds!

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