



DANGER PATTERNS (DP): [dp.2 - sliding snow](#); [dp.6 - cold, loose, new fallen snow and wind](#)

## Favourable avalanche situation widespread, beware gliding avalanches, ridgeline snowdrift

### AVALANCHE DANGER

Favourable conditions reign in most parts of Tirol, the avalanche danger level below about 2400m is low; above that altitude, moderate. Only in the Arlberg-Ausserfern regions and in East Tirol is the danger level moderate over widespread areas, for a variety of reasons: the snowpack in the Arlberg and Ausserfern regions has a thin layer of ice on shady slopes which could serve as a bed surface for slab avalanches. In East Tirol, frequent gliding avalanches threaten on steep, grassy slopes. Apart from this, ridgeline snowdrift on north facing slopes above approximately 2400 m (in the Tux Alps somewhat lower) also pose a threat. Loosely packed avalanches currently release only seldom and are generally harmless.

### SNOW LAYERING

The snowpack is settling and stabilising well, analysis has shown no prevalent weak layers. Only at high altitudes on shady, steep slopes near ridgelines can slab avalanches release at the touchpoint between the loose powder and the freshly accumulated snowdrift, increasingly likely with ascending altitude. A thin layer of ice which formed in northwestern regions in mid-March also is a potential danger zone. However, stability tests have shown that the hazards here are receding. There is still fabulous powder snow to be enjoyed.

### ALPINE WEATHER FORECAST (ZAMG-WEATHER SERVICE INNSBRUCK)

Mountain weather today: agreeable conditions, a few cloudbanks from the south, somewhat impaired visibility. It will remain dry in North Tirol, a few isolated showers are possible on the southern flank of the Alps. It is still relatively cold, the zero-degree level at about 1600m. Temperature at 2000m: -3 degrees; at 3000m, -12 degrees. Light southerly winds, brisker between Patscherkofel and Glungezer.

### SHORT TERM DEVELOPMENT

Avalanche danger will continue to diminish

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