
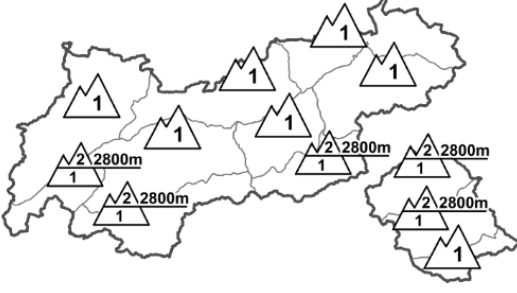










<b>Regional Avalanche Danger Levels</b> in alpine areas from 17.04.2016 07:30 <span style="color: red;">MORNING</span>		<b>Regional Avalanche Danger Levels</b> in alpine areas from 17.04.2016 07:30 <span style="color: red;">AFTERNOON</span>		<b>Tendency tomorrow</b>  increasing
				
<b>WHAT? - problem</b>  drifting snow	<b>WHERE? - danger spots</b>  2800m daytime increase	<b>WHAT? - problem</b>  gliding snow	<b>WHERE? - danger spots</b>  2500m grass-covered slopes	<b>General Level Tyrol</b> 

**DANGER PATTERNS (DP):** [dp.6 - loose snow and wind](#) [dp.2 - gliding snow](#) [dp.3 - rain](#)

### Beware small high alpine drifts, danger rising during the day

#### AVALANCHE DANGER

This morning, favourable conditions still prevail, avalanche danger is low. Only in the regions along the Main Alpine Ridge is the danger above 2800m moderate. storm-force winds have accumulating newly drifted masses which can be triggered even by minimum additional loading. This applies primarily to very steep, shady, usually ridgeline terrain. As weather conditions deteriorate later today, the danger will rise to moderate widespread. As a result of the new fallen snow and winds which are predicted, new snowdrift accumulations will form which above 2000m will demand great caution. Wherever rainfall is heavy, wet loose-snow avalanches threaten in extremely steep terrain; gliding avalanches are risks on grass-covered slopes.

#### SNOW LAYERING

The snowpack is stable by and large. In high alpine regions weakened layers in the snowpack threaten: the recently formed drifts now blanketed by fresh fallen snow. These drifts are more trigger-sensitive above 2800m. During the course of the day, new snowdrifts will accumulate which threaten also at lower altitudes. Ground-level layers are unlikely to trigger. Rain can weaken the snowpack, the likelihood of wet loose-snow avalanches is thus heightened, particularly in areas with heavy rainfall above 1800m.

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

Mountain weather today: the peaks will increasingly be hidden in cloud and fog, visibility deteriorate, heavy precipitation soon set in. Snowfall above 1300-1600m. Windy! Temperature at 2000m, +4 degrees; at 3000m, -2 degrees. Strong to stormy S/SW winds, shifting to westerly this afternoon.

#### SHORT TERM DEVELOPMENT

Increasing avalanche danger due to new fallen snow and wind. Heightened avalanche activity due to solar radiation.

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