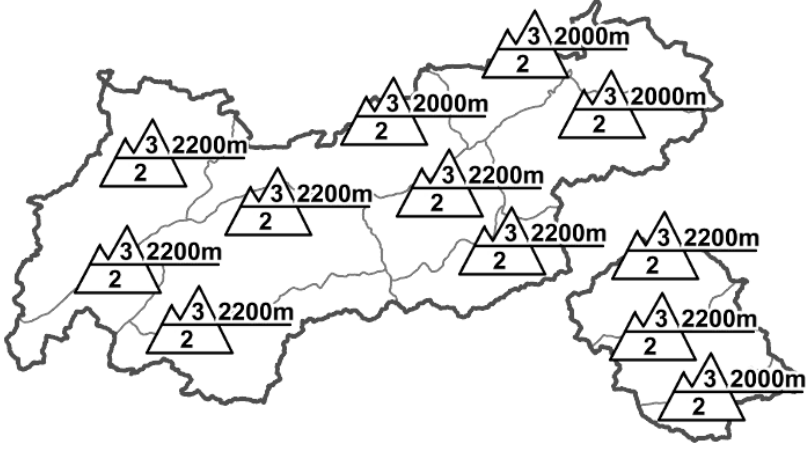












Regional Avalanche Danger Levels in alpine areas from 12.03.2017 07:30 All-Day	WHAT? problem	WHERE? danger spots
	 drifting snow	 2200m  fresh, small
	 wet snow	 2200m  from late morning
	General Level Tirol 	Tendency tomorrow  decreasing

DANGER PATTERNS (DP): [dp.6 - loose snow and wind](#) [dp.10 - springtime szenario](#)

Still considerable avalanche danger widespread above 2200m

AVALANCHE DANGER

The avalanche situation in Tirol's backcountry touring regions has improved somewhat, but above 2200m there is still considerable danger widespread. Avalanche prone locations are found where there are freshly formed, small-sized snowdrift accumulations. These are prone to triggering, even by the weight of one sole skier. Also threatening are very steep, shady slopes above 2200m and in general, the ridgeline terrain in all aspects. As of late afternoon, the firmness of the snowpack is gone. Particularly in sun-drenched avalanche starting zones, naturally triggered moist slides and loose-snow avalanches can be expected, in isolated cases also slab avalanches.

SNOW LAYERING

An extensive exploratory helicopter flight yesterday brought the following results. Extremely many naturally triggered avalanches, including large and very large-sized ones. On shady slopes far greater avalanche activity, especially above 2200m. Most of the avalanches released on Thursday and Friday, by now many of these paths and starting zones have already discharged. The deep new fallen and newly drifted snow of last week has stabilised by and large. The small drifts formed by stormy northerly winds on Friday are still prone to triggering. During the course of the day today, the snowpack will forfeit its firmness due to daytime warmth and solar radiation.

ALPINE WEATHER FORECAST (ZAMG-WEATHER SERVICE INNSBRUCK)

Weather: western and central Europe are in the hands of a high-pressure front, above which lies a weak northerly air current. In other words, weather without perturbances over the next few days. Mountain weather today: sunshine will dominate, high altitude clouds will be the exception, good visibility. Temperature at 2000m: 0 degrees; at 3000m: -6 degrees. Moderate NW winds, brisker in high alpine regions of the Tauern.

SHORT TERM DEVELOPMENT

Avalanche danger will diminish incrementally.

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