





Danger Level 1 - Low



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Thursday 16 01 2020

A mostly favourable avalanche situation will prevail.

Low, level 1. The avalanche prone locations are very rare and are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. Dry avalanches can in very isolated cases be released in the old snowpack by large loads, especially adjacent to ridgelines and in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. Here individual mostly small avalanches are possible. Caution is to be exercised in particular on extremely steep shady slopes. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised as well in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

A latent danger of gliding avalanches exists, in particular on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2400 m as well as on steep shady slopes below approximately 2000 m. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 2: gliding snow

dp 7: snow-poor zones in snow-rich surrounding

In some places relatively hard layers of snow are lying on old snow containing large grains, in particular on shady slopes at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions as well as adjacent to ridgelines. Extremely steep, little used shady slopes are to be evaluated with care and prudence.

The old snowpack will be moist at low and intermediate altitudes. The surface of the snowpack has frozen to form a strong crust and will soften during the day. This applies in particular on steep sunny slopes.

There is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

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The backcountry touring conditions remain favourable.