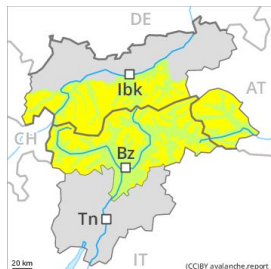


Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Decreasing avalanche danger
on Wednesday 22 01 2020



Wind-drifted
snow



Wind slabs at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions.

The clearly visible wind slabs of the last few days must be evaluated with care and prudence in particular on northwest to north to northeast facing aspects above approximately 2400 m. They can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases. Adjacent to ridgelines avalanches can be triggered in deep layers of the snowpack and reach medium size in some cases. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls. In steep terrain there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

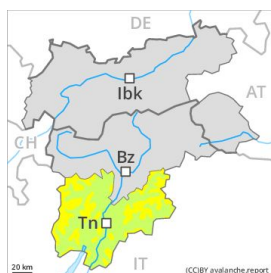
dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

The fresh snow and wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. Faceted weak layers exist in the snowpack in particular here. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations.

Tendency

Fresh wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence. Decrease in danger of dry avalanches.

Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Wednesday 22 01 2020



Wind-drifted
snow



Treeline

The more recent wind slabs represent the main danger.

In some localities 5 to 15 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, fell. The sometimes strong wind has transported the fresh snow. The wind slabs are mostly small but can be released easily. These are to be found in particular above approximately 1800 m. Even single skiers can release avalanches in some places, including medium-sized ones. The avalanche prone locations are to be found especially in the vicinity of peaks, and adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. Restraint should be exercised because avalanches can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

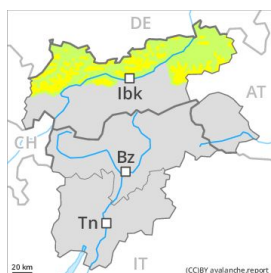
Snowpack

The strong wind has transported the fresh snow and, in some cases, old snow as well. Over a wide area easily released wind slabs formed. The fresh snow and wind slabs of the last few days are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. Faceted weak layers exist in the snowpack in particular on shady slopes.

Tendency

The avalanche danger will persist.

Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Decreasing avalanche danger
on Wednesday 22 01 2020



Wind-drifted
snow



Treeline

Wind slabs at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions.

The clearly visible wind slabs of the last few days must be evaluated with care and prudence in particular on west to north to east facing aspects above the tree line. They can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases. Adjacent to ridgelines avalanches can be triggered in deep layers of the snowpack and reach medium size in some cases. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

Snowpack

The fresh snow and wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. Faceted weak layers exist in the snowpack in particular here. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations.

Tendency

Fresh wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence. Decrease in danger of dry avalanches.