





Danger Level 1 - Low



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Sunday 26 01 2020



Wind-drifted
snow



The backcountry touring conditions are generally favourable. Wind slabs require caution.

The somewhat older wind slabs are to be avoided in particular in extreme terrain. Mostly avalanches are only small and can be released by large loads. At high altitudes and in high Alpine regions avalanche prone locations are a little more prevalent. 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

In some localities up to 5 cm of snow will fall. The snowpack remains generally stable. In particular shady slopes where hard layers are lying on a weakly bonded old snowpack are unfavourable. Such avalanche prone locations are rather rare and are barely recognisable, even to the trained eye.

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Wind slabs adjacent to ridgelines.

The older 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, especially by large additional loads. The fresh wind slabs are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. These can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. 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. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided as far as possible.

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Danger patterns

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp 2: gliding snow

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Wind slabs at elevated altitudes.

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 the tree line. They can be released in isolated cases, but mostly only by large additional loads, above approximately 2400 m. 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. Caution is to be exercised in areas with glide cracks.

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