



Danger Level 1 - Low



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Monday 27 01 2020



Wind-drifted
snow



2400m

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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

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 at elevated altitudes.

In the last few days mostly small wind slabs formed in some localities. 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 at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. They can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases above approximately 2400 m. The wind slabs are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. Even a small avalanche can sweep snow sport participants along and give rise to falls. 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.

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Wind slabs adjacent to ridgelines.

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