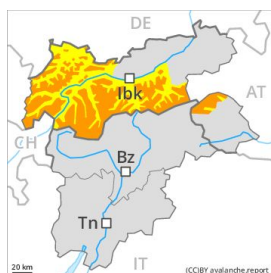


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



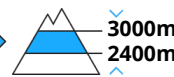
Tendency: Decreasing avalanche danger
 on Monday 17 02 2020



Wind-drifted snow



Persistent weak layer



Wind slabs and weakly bonded old snow at high altitude.

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases in particular on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. Caution is to be exercised adjacent to ridgelines. These avalanche prone locations are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. The dry avalanches are rather small. Weakly bonded old snow requires caution. Avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes between approximately 2400 and 3000 m. Caution is to be exercised in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack in little used backcountry terrain. Avalanches can be released, in particular by large loads and reach medium size. In addition a certain danger of gliding avalanches exists. This applies on steep grassy slopes below approximately 2400 m.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

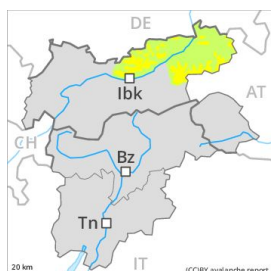
dp 7: snow-poor zones in snow-rich surrounding

Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack, in particular between approximately 2400 and 3000 m. The sometimes moderate wind has transported some snow. The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are in individual cases still prone to triggering in particular on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2400 m. The wind slabs of the last few days have bonded quite well with the old snowpack. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations.

Tendency

Gradual decrease in avalanche danger.

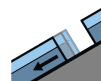
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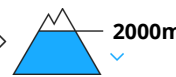
Tendency: Decreasing avalanche danger
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Wind-drifted
snow



Gliding snow



Fresh and older wind slabs require caution.

As a consequence of a light to moderate wind, mostly small wind slabs formed adjacent to ridgelines on northwest, north and northeast facing slopes. Caution is to be exercised in particular on shady slopes as well as adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls above approximately 2000 m.

Weakly bonded old snow requires caution, especially on very steep shady slopes as well as on wind-loaded slopes. The avalanches are rather small and can mostly only be released by large loads.

In addition a moderate (level 2) danger of gliding avalanches exists.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp 2: gliding snow

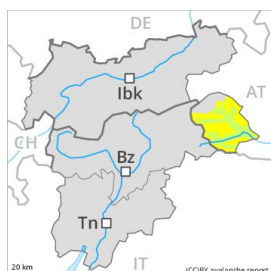
The sometimes moderate wind has transported only a little snow.

Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations.

Tendency

Gradual decrease in avalanche danger.

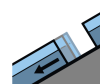
Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Decreasing avalanche danger
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Wind-drifted
 snow



Gliding snow



The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs represent the main danger.

Fresh and older wind slabs at high altitude. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep slopes above approximately 2400 m, especially in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. These places are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. Mostly the avalanches are small. Individual avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found also on extremely steep shady slopes at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. This applies in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow. Avalanches can be released, mostly by large loads in isolated cases and reach medium size. In steep terrain there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp 2: gliding snow

The sometimes moderate wind has transported only a little snow. The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are in individual cases still prone to triggering above approximately 2400 m. These are mostly small. In very isolated cases relatively hard layers of snow are lying on old snow containing large grains. This applies especially on shady slopes at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations.

Tendency

The avalanche danger will decrease gradually.