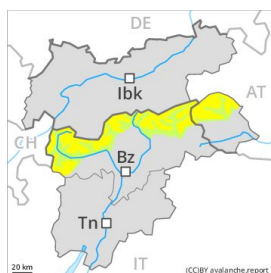


## Danger Level 2 - Moderate



**Tendency: Constant avalanche danger** →

on Friday 21 02 2020



Wind-drifted snow



Persistent weak layer



Fresh wind slabs require caution, in particular at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions.

Fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant in some cases in particular on northwest to north to south facing aspects above approximately 2200 m. In some cases avalanches are medium-sized. These avalanche prone locations are clearly recognisable to the trained eye. Weakly bonded old snow: In isolated cases avalanches can be released in the old snowpack and reach dangerously large size. Caution is to be exercised in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack in little used backcountry terrain.

### Snowpack

**Danger patterns**

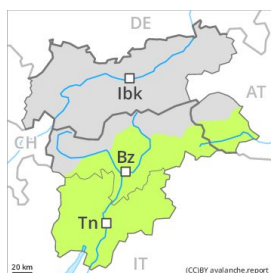
dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

Some snow has fallen in some regions. The fresh and older wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence on steep shady slopes at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. Faceted weak layers exist in the old snowpack. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. In steep terrain there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

### Tendency

The backcountry touring conditions are generally favourable. The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are mostly small and can only be released in isolated cases. In some cases relatively hard layers of snow are lying on old snow containing large grains. Faceted weak layers exist deep in the snowpack in particular in shady places that are protected from the wind. The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. On south and southwest facing slopes thus far only a little snow is lying in all altitude zones.

## Danger Level 1 - Low



**Tendency: Constant avalanche danger** →  
on Friday 21 02 2020



Wind-drifted  
snow



The old snowpack will be generally stable. Wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence.

The rather small wind slabs have bonded quite well with the old snowpack. These can only be released by large loads in most cases. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on northwest to north to southeast facing wind-loaded 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. In steep terrain there is a danger of falling on the hard snow surface.

## Snowpack

### Danger patterns

dp 6: cold, loose snow and wind

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## Tendency

The backcountry touring conditions are generally favourable.