



Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Saturday 12 12 2020



Gliding snow



Wind-drifted snow



Treeline

Fresh wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence. On steep grassy slopes natural avalanches must be expected in isolated cases.

On steep grassy slopes gliding avalanches are possible, even medium-sized ones, especially on steep sunny slopes above the tree line. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days can be released by a single winter sport participant in particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes above the tree line. The number and size of avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude.

Avalanches can be triggered in deep layers of the snowpack and reach large size in isolated cases, especially in case of releases originating from very steep starting zones at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions that have retained the snow thus far. This applies in particular in case of a large load.

The current avalanche situation calls for extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.2: gliding snow

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

100 to 200 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Friday. In some cases the various wind slabs have bonded poorly together. This applies at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. The new snow of the day before yesterday is loosely bonded. The more recent wind slabs are covered with new snow and therefore difficult to recognise. Faceted weak layers exist deep in the old snowpack in particular at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. Towards its base, the snowpack is moist, in particular at low and intermediate altitudes.

Tendency

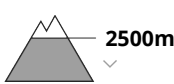
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On steep grassy slopes natural avalanches must be expected. Fresh wind slabs require caution.

On steep grassy slopes gliding avalanches are possible at any time, even very large ones in isolated cases. This applies in particular on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2500 m. Exposed parts of transportation routes can be endangered. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

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In very isolated cases avalanches can be triggered in deep layers of the snowpack and reach very large size. This applies in case of releases originating from very steep starting zones at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions that have retained the snow thus far, especially at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack, this applies in particular in case of a large load.

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Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.2: gliding snow

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

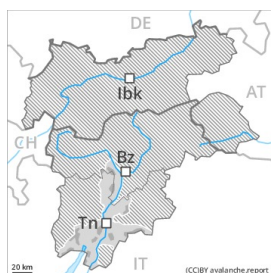
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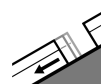
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Wind-drifted snow



Treeline



Gliding snow



2500m

Fresh wind slabs require caution. More gliding avalanches are possible.

The fresh wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence in particular on west to north to east facing aspects above the tree line. The number and size of avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude.

On steep grassy slopes gliding avalanches are possible at any time, even medium-sized ones. This applies in all aspects below approximately 2500 m.

Ski touring calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.2: gliding snow

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

Over a wide area over a wide area 100 to 150 cm of snow has fallen since Friday. The new snow of the day before yesterday is loosely bonded. In some cases the various wind slabs have bonded still only poorly together. These are covered with new snow and therefore difficult to recognise. Towards its base, the snowpack is moist, in particular at low and intermediate altitudes.

Tendency

The avalanche danger will persist.