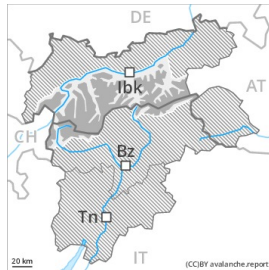






Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Tendency: Decreasing avalanche danger
on Friday 19 03 2021



Wind-drifted
snow



Treeline

Wind slabs represent the main danger.

The strong wind will transport the fresh and old snow significantly. The fresh and older wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant. Caution is to be exercised on steep slopes above the tree line in all aspects. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. The number and size of avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude.

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation moist avalanches are possible as the day progresses, even medium-sized ones.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

Over a wide area 20 to 50 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Saturday. The sometimes storm force wind has transported the fresh and old snow significantly, in particular in the regions exposed to the foehn wind. The brittle wind slabs of the last few days are bonding only slowly with the old snowpack, in particular on shady slopes. The wind slabs are lying on soft layers in all aspects above the tree line.

The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. In gullies and bowls a lot of snow is lying.

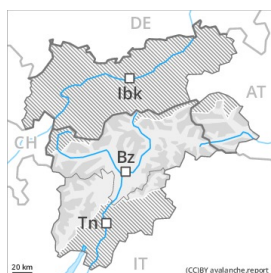
The old snowpack will be stable over a wide area.

Tendency

As a consequence of solar radiation the snow drift accumulations will stabilise during the next few days. On shady slopes the likelihood of avalanches is a little higher.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Friday 19 03 2021



Wind-drifted
snow



Fresh and older wind slabs remain prone to triggering.

The sometimes avalanche-prone wind slabs of the last few days are to be evaluated with care and prudence, caution is to be exercised in particular on steep shady slopes above approximately 2000 m, as well as adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. Here the likelihood of avalanches is higher. At elevated altitudes and in high Alpine regions the wind slabs are larger. The avalanche prone locations are easy to recognise. In some cases avalanches are medium-sized.

As a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation moist avalanches are possible, but they will be mostly small.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

The sometimes storm force wind has transported the fresh and old snow significantly, in particular in the regions exposed to the foehn wind. The brittle wind slabs of the last few days are bonding only slowly with the old snowpack, especially on little used northwest, north and northeast facing slopes. In the other aspects the snowpack is less prone to triggering.

The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. In gullies and bowls a lot of snow is lying.

The old snowpack will be stable over a wide area.

Tendency

As a consequence of solar radiation the snow drift accumulations will stabilise during the next few days. On shady slopes the likelihood of avalanches is a little higher.