





Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger →
on Wednesday 19 04 2023



Wind slab



Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **medium**

Wind slabs represent the main danger.

The somewhat older wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2200 m. Avalanches can reach medium size. In high Alpine regions the avalanche prone locations are a little more prevalent. Avalanche prone locations are to be found in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. The wind slabs are to be bypassed as far as possible. As a consequence of solar radiation only isolated mostly small loose snow avalanches are possible, especially on extremely steep sunny slopes.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.2: gliding snow

In some cases the various wind slabs have bonded still only poorly together, in particular on shady slopes above approximately 2200 m.

In very isolated cases weak layers exist in the old snowpack on very steep shady slopes. This applies in particular on the Main Alpine Ridge. The spring-like weather conditions will give rise to gradual moistening of the snowpack over a wide area below approximately 2600 m.

Tendency

The danger of dry avalanches will decrease gradually. The somewhat older wind slabs are in individual cases still prone to triggering at elevated altitudes.



Danger Level 1 - Low



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The conditions are generally favourable.

The no longer entirely fresh wind slabs can be released in isolated cases. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on very steep shady slopes at elevated altitudes, especially at transitions into gullies and bowls. Mostly avalanches are only small. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in particular in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

On extremely steep slopes individual moist and wet snow slides are possible, but they will be mostly small.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.2: gliding snow

The snowpack will be quite well bonded. In isolated cases wind slabs are lying on soft layers, in particular on steep shady slopes at elevated altitudes. At low and intermediate altitudes only a little snow is now lying. Sunshine and high temperatures will give rise as the day progresses to gradual moistening of the snowpack.

Tendency

Low avalanche danger will prevail.