



## Danger Level 3 - Considerable



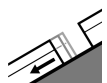
**Tendency: Constant avalanche danger** →  
 on Tuesday 05 12 2023



Persistent weak layer



Snowpack stability: **very poor**  
 Frequency: **some**  
 Avalanche size: **large**



Gliding snow



Snowpack stability: **very poor**  
 Frequency: **some**  
 Avalanche size: **medium**



Wind slab



Snowpack stability: **very poor**  
 Frequency: **some**  
 Avalanche size: **medium**

Snow sport activities outside marked and open pistes call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and a certain restraint.

Weak layers in the old snowpack can be released easily. This applies on steep slopes above approximately 2000 m. Caution is to be exercised in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack, when entering gullies and bowls for example. In some cases the avalanches are large. Whumpfung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack serve as an alarm indicating the danger.

In addition the fresh wind slabs at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions are easily triggered. Caution is to be exercised in particular adjacent to ridgelines, as well as in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain.

A considerable (level 3) danger of gliding avalanches exists. This applies on steep grassy slopes below approximately 2400 m. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

Experience and restraint are required.

### Snowpack

**Danger patterns**

dp.4: cold following warm / warm following cold

dp.2: gliding snow

Large quantities of fresh snow and the wind-drifted snow are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. This applies above approximately 2000 m. The large quantity of fresh snow and the wind slabs are lying on soft layers.

Field observations confirm the existence of a weak snowpack.



## Tendency

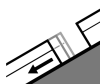
The meteorological conditions will prevent a rapid change towards better conditions.



## Danger Level 3 - Considerable



**Tendency: Decreasing avalanche danger**  
on Tuesday 05 12 2023



Gliding snow



Snowpack stability: **very poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **medium**



Wind slab



**Treeline**

Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **medium**

Gliding avalanches and snow slides are the main danger. Fresh wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence.

On steep grassy slopes more medium-sized gliding avalanches are to be expected. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

As a consequence of a moderate to strong wind, avalanche prone wind slabs formed since Sunday. Avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. The prevalence of avalanche prone locations and likelihood of triggering will increase with altitude.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and a certain restraint.

### Snowpack

**Danger patterns**

dp.2: gliding snow

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

A lot of snow is lying for the time of year.

The fresh wind slabs are lying on soft layers above the tree line. The old snowpack is largely stable.

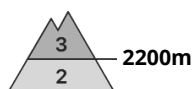
Low and intermediate altitudes: The old snowpack is wet.

### Tendency

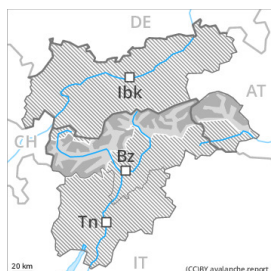
The avalanche danger will decrease gradually.



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Persistent weak layer



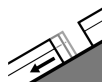
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 Frequency: **some**  
 Avalanche size: **large**



Wind slab



Snowpack stability: **very poor**  
 Frequency: **some**  
 Avalanche size: **medium**



Gliding snow



Snowpack stability: **very poor**  
 Frequency: **few**  
 Avalanche size: **medium**

The snow sport conditions outside marked and open pistes are to some extent treacherous.

Weak layers in the old snowpack can be released easily. This applies in particular on steep slopes above approximately 2200 m. Caution is to be exercised in particular at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack, when entering gullies and bowls for example. In some cases the avalanches are large. Whumphing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack serve as an alarm indicating the danger.

In addition the fresh wind slabs in particular at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions are easily triggered. Caution is to be exercised in particular adjacent to ridgelines, as well as in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. The prevalence of the avalanche prone locations will increase with altitude.

A latent danger of gliding avalanches exists. This applies on steep grassy slopes below approximately 2400 m, in the regions exposed to a lot of new snow in particular. Areas with glide cracks are to be avoided.

Extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and great restraint are required.

### Snowpack

**Danger patterns**

dp.4: cold following warm / warm following cold

dp.2: gliding snow

Large quantities of fresh snow and the wind-drifted snow are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. This applies above approximately 2200 m. The new snow is lying on a crust below approximately 2600 m. The fresh wind slabs are lying on soft layers.



Field observations confirm the existence of a weak snowack.

Intermediate altitudes: The old snowpack is wet.

## Tendency

The avalanche danger will persist.



## Danger Level 3 - Considerable



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Wind slab



Treeline

Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **large**

Fresh wind slabs require caution. At elevated altitudes a sometimes precarious avalanche situation will be encountered in some regions.

The strong wind has transported some snow. The new snow and wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in all aspects. These avalanche prone locations are to be found above the tree line and in gullies and bowls. Caution is to be exercised in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. Even single backcountry tourers can release avalanches in some places, including medium-sized ones. Small and medium-sized natural avalanches are possible on very steep slopes, in particular in the regions with a lot of snow. Mostly avalanches are medium-sized. Experience in the assessment of avalanche danger is required.

## Snowpack

### Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

The sometimes strong wind has transported a lot of snow. The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in all aspects above the tree line, in particular in places that are protected from the wind. These weather conditions fostered a weakening of the snowpack in particular on very steep slopes.

The snowpack will be subject to considerable local variations. Snow depths vary greatly above the tree line, depending on the influence of the wind. Whumpfing sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack confirm the unfavourable bonding of the snowpack.

## Tendency

New snow and wind slabs require caution.



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Wind slab



Treeline

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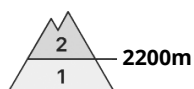
## Tendency

Fresh wind slabs represent the main danger.





## Danger Level 2 - Moderate



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on Tuesday 05 12 2023



Wind slab



Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **medium**

### Fresh wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence.

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### Snowpack

#### Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

The fresh wind slabs are lying on soft layers above approximately 2200 m. The old snowpack is largely stable. The new snow is lying on a crust below approximately 2600 m.

Low and intermediate altitudes: From a snow sport perspective, in most cases insufficient snow is lying.

### Tendency

Fresh wind slabs require caution.



## Danger Level 1 - Low



**Tendency: Constant avalanche danger** →  
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Wind slab



Snowpack stability: **fair**

Frequency: **few**

Avalanche size: **small**

In all aspects in all altitude zones from a snow sport perspective, in most cases insufficient snow is lying. Wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence.

Individual avalanche prone locations are to be found in steep terrain in high Alpine regions and in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain above approximately 2000 m. Avalanches can in some places be released by small loads, but they will be small in most cases.

### Snowpack

In all regions in all altitude zones a little snow is lying. In some places there are 5 to 10 cm of snow.

### Tendency

Low avalanche danger will prevail.