



## Danger Level 2 - Moderate



**Tendency: Constant avalanche danger** →

on Saturday 14 01 2023



Wind slab



Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **medium**

The sometimes new snow-covered wind slabs of Monday represent the main danger.

The somewhat older wind slabs must be evaluated with care and prudence in particular on steep, little used north and east facing slopes above approximately 2200 m. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on wind-protected shady slopes and adjacent to ridgelines in all aspects above approximately 2600 m. Mostly Explanation: "these" may only stand for "these avalanches" are small but in some cases easily released. At the border to Ribagorça and Pallars and at the border to Benasque the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and larger. In particular these can in some cases reach medium size.

The somewhat older wind slabs are covered with new snow in some cases and therefore difficult to recognise. Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls. Off-piste activities call for meticulous route selection.

### Snowpack

The somewhat older wind slabs are lying on weak layers in particular on wind-protected shady slopes above approximately 2200 m. The wind slabs have bonded poorly with the old snowpack. Stability tests and whumpung sounds confirm poor snowpack stability on wind-loaded slopes. Some snow will fall on Friday in some localities. The light wind will transport only a little snow.

Above the tree line there are 10 to 50 cm of snow, and even more in some localities. At high altitudes and in high Alpine regions snow depths vary greatly, depending on the influence of the wind. At low and intermediate altitudes from a snow sport perspective, insufficient snow is lying.

### Tendency

Friday: Hardly any decrease in danger of dry avalanches on wind-loaded slopes. Slight increase in danger of gliding avalanches and moist snow slides as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.