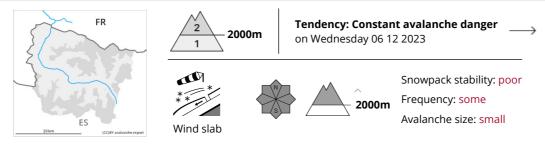




Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Fresh wind slabs require caution.

As a consequence of new snow and a moderate to strong wind, sometimes easily released wind slabs formed in the last few days in all aspects. Some snow will fall until the early morning. The northwesterly wind will transport the new snow and, in some cases, old snow as well. The fresh wind slabs will form in particular adjacent to ridgelines on east and south facing slopes. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on wind-protected shady slopes and adjacent to ridgelines and in pass areas in all aspects. The avalanches are rather small but in many cases easily released. In particular at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions they are more frequent and larger.

The somewhat older wind slabs will be covered with new snow in some cases and therefore difficult to recognise. Even a small avalanche can sweep people along and give rise to falls. The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information about the snowpack, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

Snowpack

As a consequence of sharply falling temperatures the snowpack consolidated at the weekend. The somewhat older wind slabs remain in some cases prone to triggering. The fresh wind slabs are bonding poorly with the old snowpack in particular on wind-protected north and east facing slopes. They will become increasingly prone to triggering.

Above approximately 2000 m there are 20 to 30 cm of snow, and even more in some localities. Snow depths vary greatly at intermediate and high altitudes, depending on the infuence of the wind. At low altitude from a snow sport perspective, insufficient snow is lying.

Tendency

Wednesday: Gradual decrease in danger of dry avalanches as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation. Increase in danger of gliding avalanches and moist snow slides in particular on very steep sunny slopes.