






North American Public Avalanche Danger Scale

Avalanche danger is determined by the likelihood, size, and distribution of avalanches.

Safe backcountry travel requires training and experience.

You control your risk by choosing when, where, and how you travel.

Danger Level	Travel Advice
<div data-bbox="97 401 126 586"></div> <div data-bbox="177 475 352 506">5 - Extreme</div> <div data-bbox="476 422 671 565"></div>	<p>Extraordinarily dangerous avalanche conditions. Avoid all avalanche terrain.</p>
<div data-bbox="97 586 126 772"></div> <div data-bbox="177 658 297 689">4 - High</div> <div data-bbox="476 605 671 748"></div>	<p>Very dangerous avalanche conditions. Travel in avalanche terrain not recommended.</p>
<div data-bbox="97 772 126 958"></div> <div data-bbox="177 846 425 878">3 - Considerable</div> <div data-bbox="476 791 645 933"></div>	<p>Dangerous avalanche conditions. Careful snowpack evaluation, cautious route-finding, and conservative decision-making essential.</p>
<div data-bbox="97 958 126 1143"></div> <div data-bbox="177 1032 370 1063">2 - Moderate</div> <div data-bbox="476 976 616 1119"></div>	<p>Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features. Evaluate snow and terrain carefully; identify features of concern.</p>
<div data-bbox="97 1143 126 1325"></div> <div data-bbox="177 1218 292 1249">1 - Low</div> <div data-bbox="476 1162 616 1305"></div>	<p>Generally safe avalanche conditions. Watch for unstable snow on isolated terrain features.</p>