

Avalanche Service Vorarlberg

Friday 30 January 2026

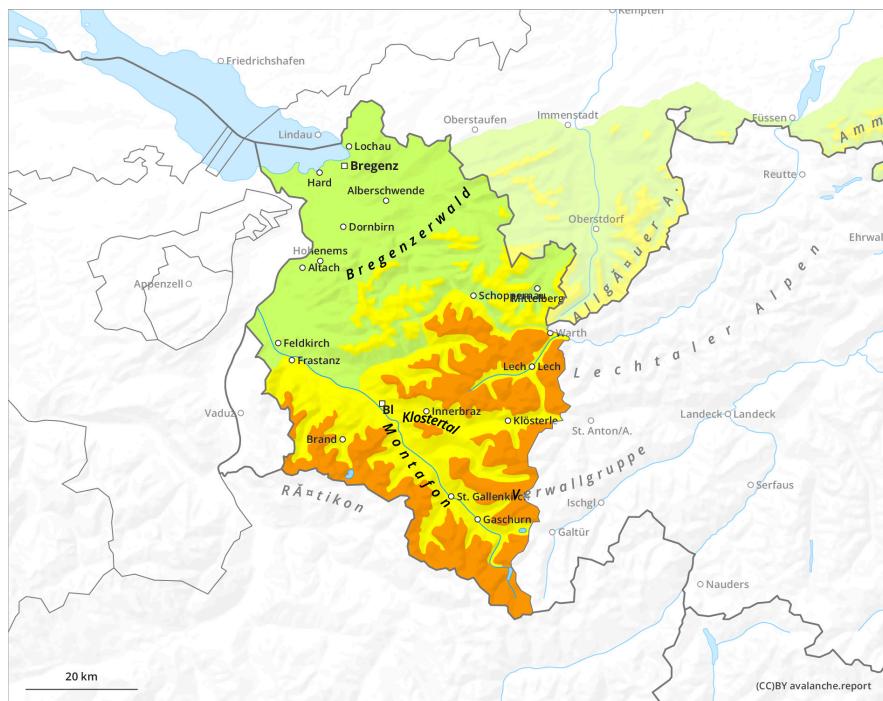
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Avalanche danger considerable at high altitude. Caution: fresh drifts blanket weak layers of old snow.

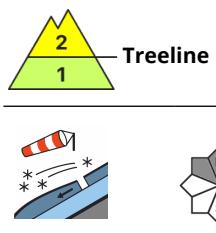
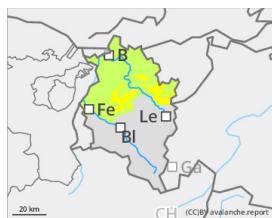


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Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Constant avalanche danger
on Saturday 31 January 2026



Caution: snowdrift accumulations prone to triggering

Small fresh and older snowdrifts in steep ridgeline terrain and behind drops in the landscape are prone to triggering. One single winter sports enthusiast can trigger small, in isolated cases medium-sized slab avalanches. Other danger zones occur on extremely steep, mostly shady slopes. In isolated cases there, small avalanches can be triggered in the old snow. These avalanche prone locations occur most often in transitions from shallow to deep snow, for example, at entry points into gullies and bowls. Apart from the risks of being buried in snow masses, the dangers of being swept along and forced to take a fall also require caution. On sunny slopes, small-sized loosely-packed snowslides can trigger naturally during the course of the day.

Snowpack

Up to 15cm of fresh snow often lies deposited atop loosely-packed fresh snow or drifts from recent days and a frequently melt-freeze encrusted old snowpack surface. In some places, surface hoar has been blanketed. Particularly on shady steep slopes, unfavorable intermediate layers have often persisted. On south-facing slopes and at lower altitudes, the fresh snowfall often was deposited on bare ground.

Weather

During the morning, very sunny mountain weather is anticipated. In the afternoon, clouds will move in from the west, dampening the sunshine. As evening approaches, brief, light snowfall is possible around the Arlberg. Skies during the night into Saturday will then be star-studded. Temperatures will be wintery cold, no wind is expected. At 2000m: -5 degrees; at 3000m: -12 degrees. Light, predominantly westerly winds at high altitudes.

Tendency

Avalanche danger will recede only gradually.