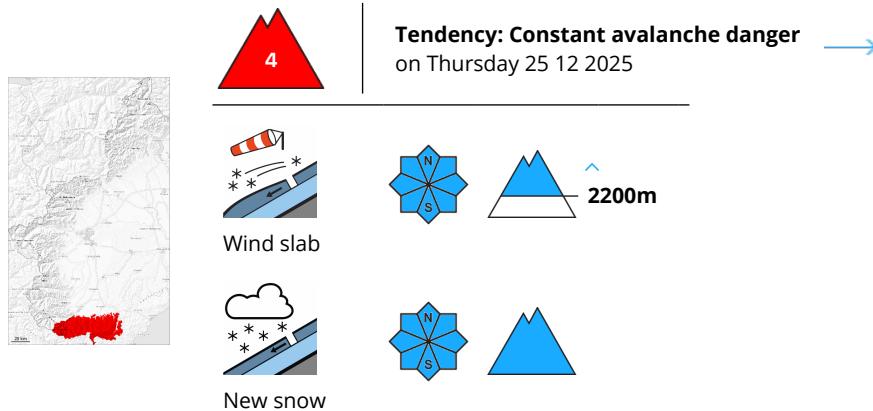


## Danger Level 4 - High



The avalanche conditions are unfavourable. It is inadvisable to engage in backcountry touring outside marked and open pistes.

The new snow can be released easily or naturally. In particular on steep slopes large natural avalanches, capable of reaching a long way in some cases, must be expected frequently. In some places the avalanches can be triggered in the old snow.

In gullies and bowls and behind abrupt changes in the terrain avalanche prone wind slabs formed. This applies in particular on slopes at elevated altitudes.

As the snowfall becomes more intense the prevalence and size of the avalanche prone locations will increase in the afternoon. It is inadvisable to engage in backcountry touring.

### Snowpack

#### Danger patterns

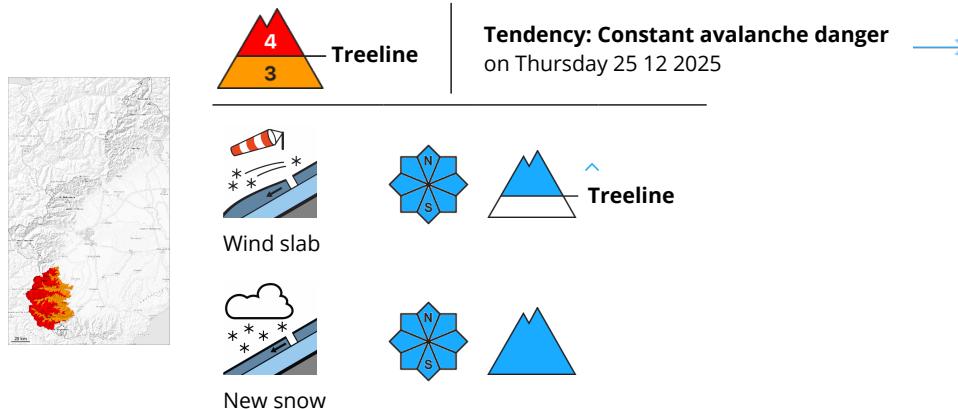
dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

Over a wide area 60 to 100 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Monday above approximately 1500 m.

In the course of the day further wind slabs will form at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. 25 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall from the afternoon above approximately 600 m.



## Danger Level 4 - High



The new snow and wind slabs represent the main danger.

As a consequence of new snow and a sometimes moderate wind from southeasterly directions, wind slabs formed at intermediate and high altitudes. On steep slopes the likelihood of avalanches is quite high. Even single winter sport participants can release avalanches in many places, including large ones. Large and, in isolated cases, very large natural avalanches are not ruled out. In particular on steep shady slopes the avalanches can be triggered in the old snow. Backcountry touring calls for great caution and restraint.

## Snowpack

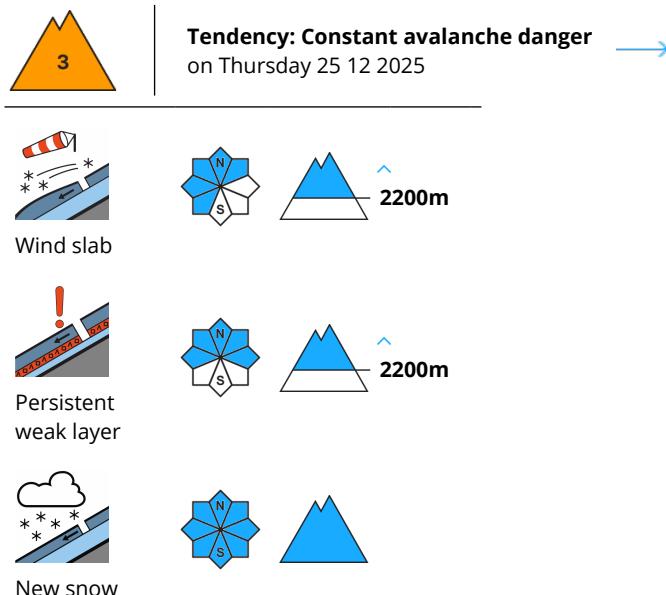
### Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

Over a wide area 40 to 70 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Monday above approximately 1500 m. 25 to 30 cm of snow will fall from the afternoon. Above approximately 800 m snow will fall over a wide area. In the last few days sometimes deep wind slabs formed at intermediate and high altitudes.



## Danger Level 3 - Considerable



The fresh snow and the deep wind slabs can be released easily.

The fresh snow and the sometimes deep wind slabs can be released easily, even by a single winter sport participant, at intermediate and high altitudes. In the regions exposed to heavier precipitation and on wind-loaded slopes the wind slabs are larger. As a consequence of new snow and wind the prevalence and size of the avalanche prone locations will increase in the afternoon.

On steep shady slopes the avalanches can be triggered in the faceted old snow and reach large size in isolated cases. Whumping sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack are a clear indication.

### Snowpack

**Danger patterns**

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

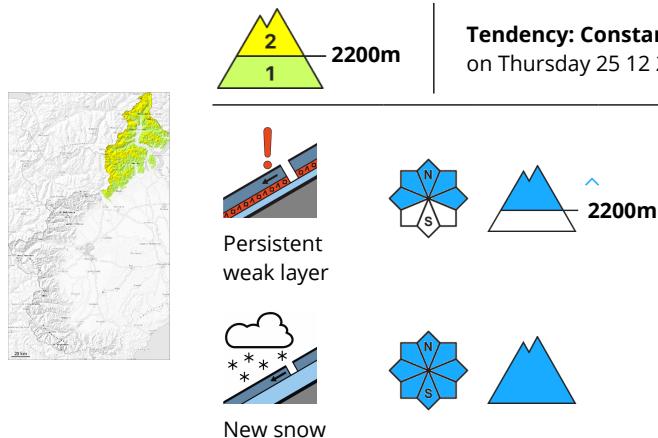
Over a wide area 20 to 40 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Monday above approximately 2000 m. In some localities up to 20 cm of snow will fall from midday.

More recent wind slabs have formed in particular at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions.

Weak layers exist deep in the snowpack in particular on steep shady slopes.



## Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Locally increased avalanche danger in the upper reaches of valleys bordering Valle d'Aosta.

The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack on northwest to north to east facing aspects above approximately 2500 m.

The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular on steep shady slopes at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions and adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. Mostly the avalanches are medium-sized but can be released in isolated cases even by a single winter sport participant.

The numerous rocks hidden by the recent snow are the main danger.

### Snowpack

**Danger patterns**

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

The new snow and wind slabs of last week are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on shady slopes at intermediate and high altitudes.

At high altitudes and in high Alpine regions snow depths vary greatly, depending on the influence of the wind.

Below approximately 2000 m from a snow sport perspective, insufficient snow is lying.

In some localities 10 cm of snow, but less in some localities, will fall from the afternoon above approximately 800 m.

