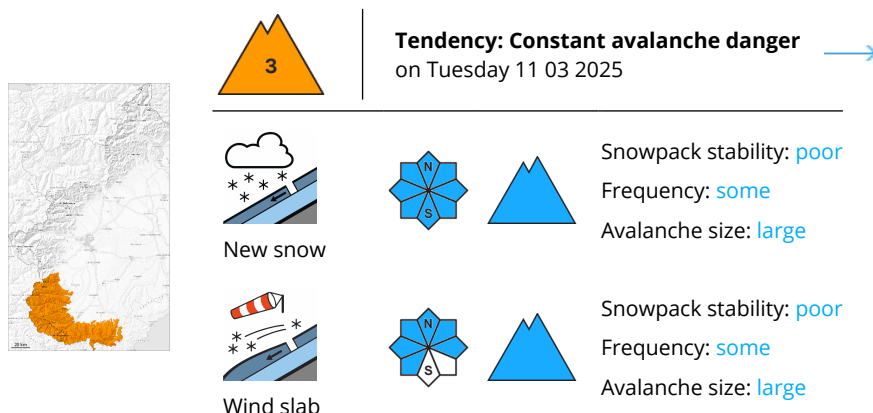


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



The new snow and wind slabs must be evaluated with care and prudence. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger.

Intensive snowfall to low altitudes. The southwesterly wind will transport the new snow significantly. In the regions exposed to heavier precipitation the wind slabs will increase in size, in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain.

On steep slopes and on wind-loaded slopes large and, in many cases, very large dry loose snow avalanches are possible as a consequence of new snow and wind. In the event of prolonged bright spells this applies in particular.

The new snow and wind slabs can be released easily, even by a single winter sport participant.

Ski touring and other off-piste activities, including snowshoe hiking, call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

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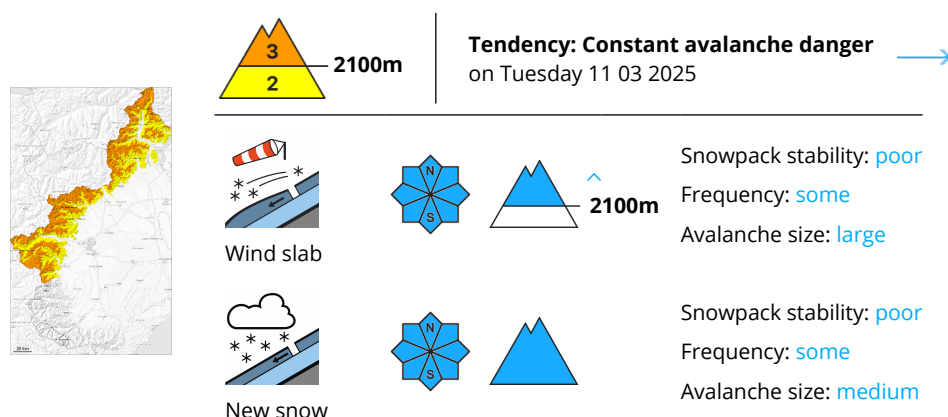
Above approximately 700 m snow fell during the night. Over a wide area 30 to 50 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall until the early morning.

These weather conditions will give rise to unfavourable bonding of the snowpack over a wide area.

Large quantities of fresh snow and the wind-drifted snow will become increasingly prone to triggering. In the event of prolonged bright spells this applies especially in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation. Large-grained weak layers exist in the snowpack on shady slopes.



Danger Level 3 - Considerable



The new snow and wind slabs represent the main danger.
Backcountry touring calls for caution and restraint.

A lot of new snow above approximately 1300 m: Until Monday the wind will be moderate.

In the regions exposed to heavier precipitation the wind slabs will increase in size additionally in the late morning, in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain.

On steep slopes and on wind-loaded slopes large dry loose snow avalanches are possible as a consequence of new snow and wind, caution is to be exercised in particular in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation. Very large dry avalanches are possible here.

The new snow and wind slabs can be released easily, even by a single winter sport participant.
Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for defensive route selection.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.10: springtime scenario

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

Over a wide area over a wide area 25 to 30 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall until midday. This situation will give rise to unfavourable bonding of the snowpack over a wide area.

The new snow and wind slabs are prone to triggering. This applies especially in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation.

In isolated cases new snow and wind slabs are lying on surface hoar, in particular on shady slopes. Large-grained weak layers exist in the snowpack on shady slopes.

