Avalancherisk assessmentbulletin

(valid outside marked and open slopes)

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Risk estimation until Sunday January 24, 2021 in the evening

Marked risk.



Spontaneousdepartures: Some recent snow patches, rare bottom patches.

Triggers for skiers: Numerous slabs, especially above 1800 m.

Risk indices: 5 very strong - 4 strong - 3 marked - 2 limited - 1 weak - In black: the most dangerous slopes

Snowpack stability

Typical avalanche situation: Fresh snow, snow blown.

Spontaneous departures: Tonight (Saturday to Sunday), between the wind and the new snowfall, a few isolated slab breaks may occur in recent snow, especially beyond 1800/2000 m. Avalanches rather medium in size, rarely large. During the day, a few recent snow flows in the sun on the rocky bars. Otherwise, in steep adrets, below 1800/2000 m, possibly a bottom plate rupture (creep), medium size.

Triggers caused: Wind (South-West) and snowfall, in recent days and to come, maintain marked instability in recent snow. Plates, easy to break, crumbly or in more matte snow, are present, or in the course of formation, sometimes even at modest altitudes. Below 1800 m, they are undoubtedly isolated and not very thick. On the other hand, beyond 1800 m, they are numerous and can mobilize more snow (medium size, even large). Beware of slopes with accumulations.



Off-piste snow depth





Snow quality

The snow cover is good even in the valleys. You can put on your skis at around 800/900 m.

Quality: Fresh and recent windy snow, of irregular thickness ... accumulations, waves ... sometimes bare ridges ...





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