

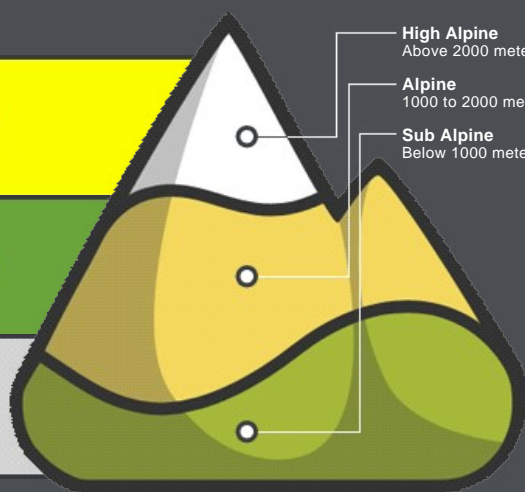
2.Moderate
Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features.



1.Low
Generally safe, watch for unstable snow on isolated terrain features.



No Rating
Not enough snow on the ground to create avalanche conditions.

Avalanche Danger Scale


5. Extreme
4. High
3. Considerable
2. Moderate
1. Low
? Unknown



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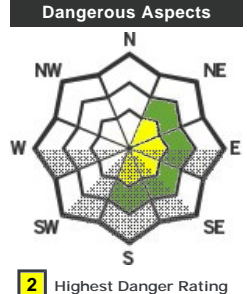
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Primary Avalanche Danger



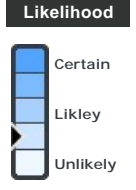
WIND SLAB

Dangerous Aspects

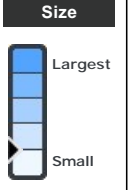


2 Highest Danger Rating


Likelihood



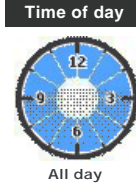
Size



Trend




Time of day



Description:
Snow has fallen at higher elevations (above approximately 1800m) over the past 48 hours. During the same period, the region has been pummeled by strong to gale force winds from the Westerly 1/2. As a consequence, areas of wind slab may be encountered especially, on East facing slopes. Avoid ridge line entry points, convex ground and other steep terrain if you find deposits of stiff, wind driven snow.

High Alpine: Above 2000m
Alpine: 1000 to 2000m
Low Alpine: Below 1000m

Current Snowpack Conditions




A significant amount of new snow (20-30cm) may have fallen at upper elevations (above about 1800m) over the past couple of days. This new snow will have landed on crusts in places and may take time to fully bond. The mid and lower pack are generally well consolidated. Melt/freeze crusts are likely to exist particularly on solar (North facing) aspects.

Recent Avalanche Activity




No avalanches reported for several of weeks.

Mountain Weather




Friday - rain/snow, heavy at times. Severe gale NW winds gusting 100kph turning Westerly and easing. Freezing level 2000m dropping to 1600m.



For more information go to: <http://www.metservice.com/mountain/index>

Sliding Danger



Areas of re frozen snow and crusts are common at this time of year. Packing ski crampons and/or crampons and an ice axe is a good idea.