

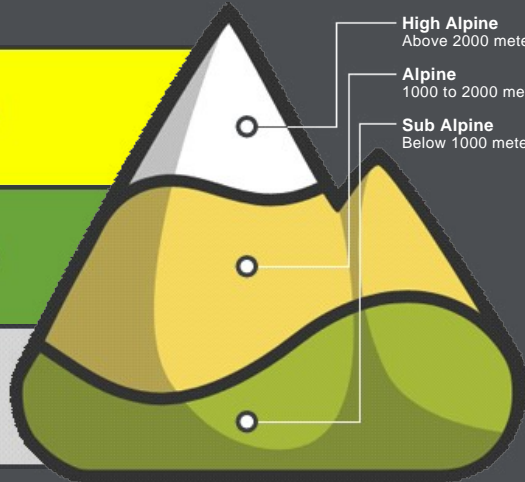
2.Moderate
Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features.



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



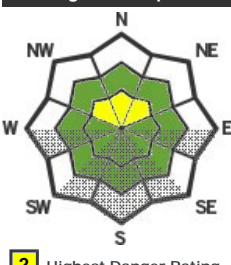
This 'Backcountry Avalanche Advisory' is provided as a public service by the New Zealand Mountain Safety Council, Inc. It is intended as an advisory only.

Primary Avalanche Danger



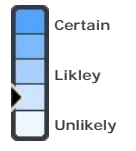
LOOSE WET

Dangerous Aspects

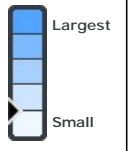


2 Highest Danger Rating


Likelihood




Size



Trend




Time of day




11am - 4pm

Description:
There is a Moderate danger for loose wet avalanche activity exists in the Hutt backcountry. With new snow on the 11th, now going through a melt freeze process, smaller loose wet avalanches could be triggered when peak radiation is hitting the slopes. Care in steeper terrain and think about what is above you in the middle of the day.




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

Current Snowpack Conditions




10cm of new snow fell on the 11th with Moderate SW winds. Pockets of new snow exist to 50cm in isolated areas. This fell onto a saturated snowpack from the rain earlier in the week. Below 1650m the new snow is wet. Warm temps has effected most elevations now and solar aspects are going through a melt freeze process.

Recent Avalanche Activity




Small loose wet to size 0.5 and small slabs lee to the SW above 2000m observed on the 11th

Mountain Weather




NW winds picking up tonight and continuing through most of the day tomorrow. Freezing level going to 3400m tonight.



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

Sliding Danger



Slick areas near ridge lines on windward slopes to the SW ie slopes facing the SW. Crampons and ice axe recommended.