

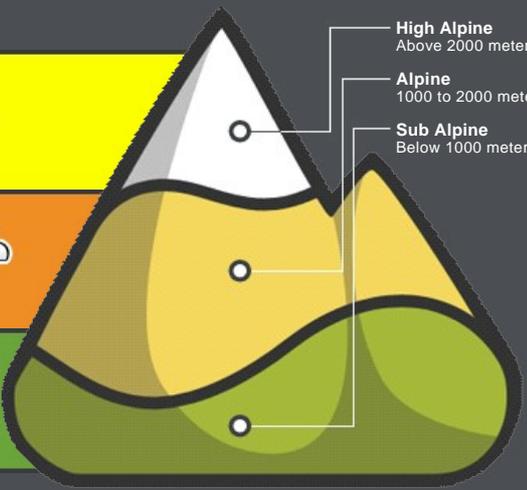
2.Moderate
Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features.



3.Considerable
Dangerous conditions, conservative decision making essential.



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

Avalanche Danger Scale

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



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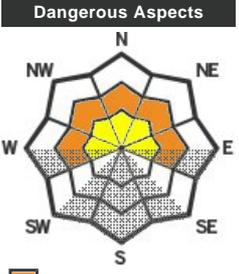
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Primary Avalanche Danger



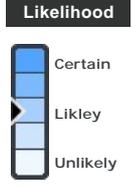
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Dangerous Aspects

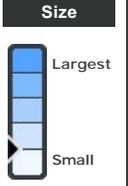


3 Highest Danger Rating

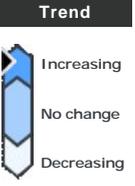
Likelihood



Size



Trend



Time of day





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

Description:
Variable conditions exist the mountain at the moment as you will still find firm conditions on most aspects but this hard ice surface is slowly breaking down with the rain that has set in this afternoon. Our main concern at the moment is around Northerly aspects as these did not have the same strong surface layer and weaker snow structure. The rain below 1900m has already started to penetrate deep into the snow pack on these aspects and are becoming unstable with a potential for large wet avalanches. Real care is need at the moment as any wet avalanche will have large mass to it and could travel some distance affecting some upper tracks on the mountain.

Current Snowpack Conditions



The snow pack is starting to become wet with the rain below 1900m mainly on Northerly aspects. With no freeze in sight for a few days this will become very wet and unstable. The firm ice crust that covers most other aspects is slowing breaking down but still holds some strength in it, expect this to slowly change over the next 24 to 36hrs.

Recent Avalanche Activity



No avalanche activity has been observed after the storm or reported.

Mountain Weather



Warm conditions on the mountain with rain showers, the freezing level is expected to rise to 2000m.



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

Sliding Danger



Crampons and ice axe are required on the mountain