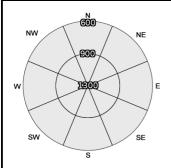
Northern Cairngorms - Issued 06/12/2025

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 06/12/2025 TO 18:00HRS Sun 07/12/2025



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probabilty
Very High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
Considerable	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
Moderate:	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
Low	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

Forecast Weather Influences

A dry night is expected, with a period of summit snow and rain in the afternoon. Winds will be moderate South-Westerly, becoming gale force and backing to South-Easterly by the end of the day. The freezing level will be around 1200 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised accumulations of windslab will remain in steep wind sheltered locations of a North-West to North-East aspect above 1100 metres. Accumulations present lingering weaknesses in isolated areas such as gully tops and coire rims. Outwith these locations the snowpack will be soft, stable and subject to a slow thaw. Cornices will remain fragile and prone to collapse, especially during the onset of rain. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 06/12/2025

Observed Weather Influences

The passage of a front resulted in intense precipitation overnight. Snow initially reached lower levels, while later it was confined to above 1100 metres. The wind was South-Easterly, storm force overnight, moderate in strength during daylight hours. The freezing level was around 1200 metres at midday.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Accumulations of soft windslab are present on North-West to North-East aspects above 1100 metres. Areas such as coire rims and gully tops are particularly affected. Large unstable cornices were observed around gully tops of the same aspect. Below this level the snowpack is generally moist and subject to slow thaw. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Cloudy on the tops with some bright spells. Wet or moist snow at all evaluations by the end of the day. Winds approx 10-15 mph during the day after a wild night. Nb: An overnight gust of 104 mph was recorded on Cairn Gorm summit.
Comments	Cornices will present a persistent hazard, with an ongoing threat of collapse exacerbated by the onset of rain