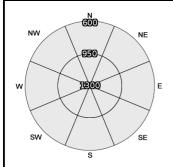
Northern Cairngorms - Issued 24/12/2019

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 24/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Wed 25/12/2019



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

On the tops, winds will be moderate strength West-South-Westerly overnight veering to light Westerly in the day, calm at lower elevations. Some light precipitation overnight with some snow above 800 metres, then a dry day is expected.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There will be a thin covering of new snow on all aspects above 800 metres, any deeper accumulations will be above 1100m on mainly Easterly aspects and in wind sheltered places, stability here will be generally good. Elsewhere the snowpack will be firm and stable, with greatest amounts on North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 24/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

Cloudy with light precipitation during the morning dying out mid afternoon, falling as snow above 700 metres. Freezing level around 800m. Winds light Westerly on the tops.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

On all aspects there is a light covering of snow above 800 metres, some shallow accumulations above 1100 metres on Easterly aspects in wind sheltered gully tops and coire rims, but deposits are localised and stable. Elsewhere the snowpack is firm and stable. Greatest amounts are on North-Westerly to Easterly aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Firm snow on NW to E aspects, with a thin fresh covering. Whiteout conditions with poor visibility at all levels. Winds approx 20mph or less.
Comments	Have a Great Xmas from the NC team