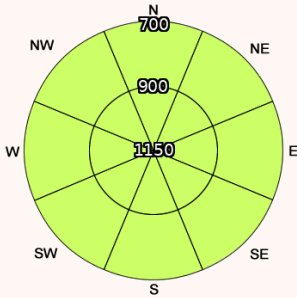


Southern Cairngorms - Issued 25/12/2019

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 25/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Thu 26/12/2019



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
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

Initially the freezing level will be around 800 metres but rising to around 900 metres by the end of the day. Snow showers from around mid-morning falling in strong South-East winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Isolated pockets of new unstable windslab will develop mainly on West to North aspects above 800 metres. These accumulations will mostly be avoidable with the majority of the snow pack remaining very firm and icy. Greatest amounts of snow will be found on North-West through North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 25/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

A bright and cold morning with very light winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There is a shallow covering of softer snow on most aspects but otherwise the older snow is very firm and icy. Greatest amounts are mainly above 900 metres on North to East aspects. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Icy paths and hillsides. Cloudy on the tops with some bright spells. Winds approx 10mph or less

Comments

Currently the snow is very firm and icy with serious run outs in many locations.