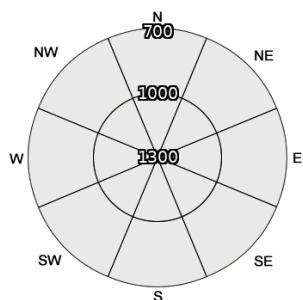


## Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 25/02/2021 TO 18:00HRS Fri 26/02/2021



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

### Forecast Weather Influences

Winds will be moderate in strength and from the West-South-West overnight backing to the South-West soon after dawn. A dry day is expected with the freezing level well above the summits for the duration of daylight hours. However a shift to high pressure and a cold airmass will result in the ground being widely frozen above 1050 metres.

### Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change is expected. The snowpack will remain firm, icy and stable above 1000 metres. Isolated accumulations of windslab will remain on North to East aspects above 900 metres. These will continue to be shallow and avoidable and mostly located in very steep locations such as corrie headwalls, scarp slopes and gully tops. At lower elevations the snowpack will continue to thaw, remaining well bonded and stable in most locations. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

## Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 25/02/2021

### Observed Weather Influences

A generally dry day with some occasional light showers falling as snow above 950 metres. Winds were strong to gale force and from the South-South-West. The freezing level was around 1000 metres.

### Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is well bonded and stable in most locations. Above 900 metres the snow surface is firm and icy following a refreeze while at lower elevations the slow thaw continues to deplete the snowpack. Moderately bonded windslab was observed in very steep wind sheltered locations on North to East aspects above 1000 metres. This was generally shallow, isolated and avoidable. The avalanche hazard is Low.

### Mountain Conditions

#### Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, good above 800 metres. Clear with poor visibility snow showers. Winds approx 40-50 mph making progress troublesome at times!

#### Comments

Where the snow surface is icy and firm unarrested slips or falls are likely to have significant consequences.