

## Fresh snowdrifts at high altitudes



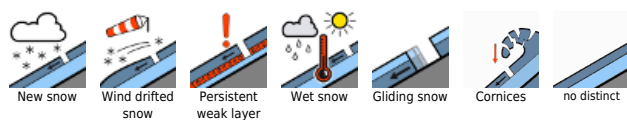
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### Avalanche problems



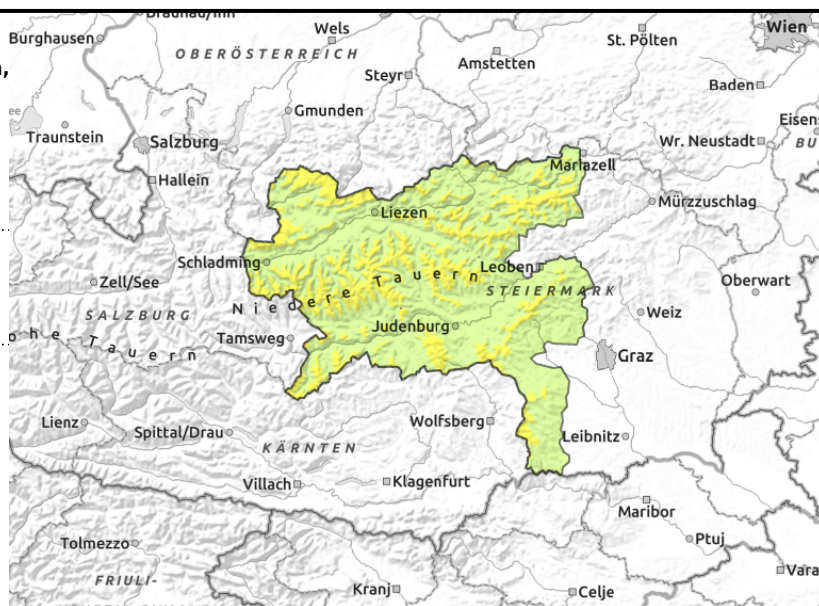
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### Expositions



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above the timberline, behind discontinuities, in gullies and bowls

## At high altitudes moderate avalanche danger due to fresh drifts

Avalanche danger is moderate above 2000 m, below that altitude danger is low. Danger zones occur on E/S facing slopes at entries to steep gullies and bowls and in general behind discontinuities in the terrain where fresh snowdrifts can trigger a medium slab avalanche by 1 person.

### Snowpack structure

The snowpack base has consolidated due to lower temperatures and formed a melt-freeze crust at the transition to the fresh snow. Atop of it, fresh snow has been deposited since Sunday evening, partly transported to E/S facing terrain. The fresh snowdrifts may contain weak layers or could develop weak layers at transitions to the old snow.

### Weather

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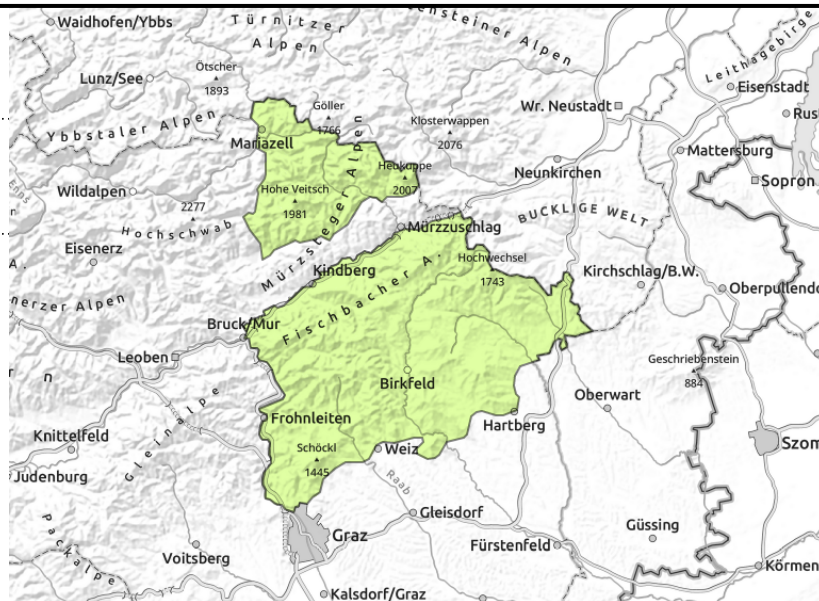
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small, thin snowdrift patches, near ridges, behind discontinuities



**Low avalanche danger but isolated danger zones from fresh snowdrifts**

Avalanche danger is generally low, but above the timberline on E/S facing slopes at entries into gullies and bowls and behind discontinuities there are isolated danger zones where 1 person can trigger snowdrifts and release a slab avalanche.

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