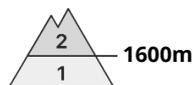




Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Increasing avalanche danger
on Wednesday 18 03 2026



Wind slab



Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **medium**



Persistent
weak layer



Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **some**

Avalanche size: **medium**

New, mostly wind-blown snow on a critical layer of hail.

MODERATE (2nd degree) avalanche danger will be concentrated in the Tatra Mountains mainly above 1600m above sea level. Due to snowfall and wind, snow slabs and pillows of different thickness and hardness will form mainly on the leeward slopes of the NW, S and E orientations. Underneath them there will be a layer of hail from the last light snowfall, which will form a critical hazard layer. They are located in the snow profile above 1800m above sea level, mainly in the High Tatras.

Snowpack

The snow cover is firm on the southern slopes, hard after the current cold snap. In the northern sectors mostly stable but not worn. New snow is expected to arrive during the day, 10cm in the Low Tatras, gradually 15-20cm in the Western and High Tatras. Due to north to northwest winds up to 15m/s, it will be deposited unevenly on leeward places. On hard ground, the snow slabs and pillows thus formed will be unbound, susceptible to avalanche release. Especially in the high Tatras, watch out for a layer of hail in the profile.

Tendency

Steady snowfall during the day rising.

Danger Level 1 - Low



Tendency: Increasing avalanche danger

on Wednesday 18 03 2026



Wind slab



Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **few**

Avalanche size: **small**

Locally rolled snow slabs and cushions on hard ground.

SMALL (1st degree) avalanche danger applies to the whole mountain range of Velká and Malá Fatra. On the hard firn base, which can be found only mainly on the northern orientations, there will be locally snow slabs and pillows unbound with the base. Small avalanches are particularly likely to be released on steep slopes, mainly at high additional loads.

Snowpack

Due to the arrival of the cold front, the old firn snow is hard wearing on all orientations. During the day, light snowfall up to 5cm is expected, accompanied by fresh winds. Locally, snow slabs and pillows will form on hard ground, which will not be interbedded with the ground.

Tendency

Due to snowfall during the day rising.