

Danger level	Snowpack stability	Likelihood of triggering
5 – very high	The snowpack is poorly bonded and largely unstable in general.	Numerous very large and often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected, even in moderately steep terrain ^a .
4 – high	The snowpack is poorly bonded on most steep slopes ^a .	Triggering is likely even by low additional loads ^b on many steep slopes ^a . In some cases, numerous large and often very large natural avalanches can be expected.
3 – considerable	The snowpack is moderately to poorly bonded on many steep slopes ^a .	Triggering is possible even from low additional loads ^b , particularly on the indicated steep slopes ^a . In certain situations some large, and in isolated cases very large, natural avalanches are possible.
2 – moderate	The snowpack is only moderately well bonded on some steep slopes ^a ; otherwise it is well bonded in general.	Triggering is possible primarily from high additional loads ^b , particularly on the indicated steep slopes ^a . Very large natural avalanches are unlikely.
1 – low	The snowpack is well bonded and stable in general.	Triggering is generally possible only from high additional loads ^b in isolated areas of very steep, extreme terrain ^b . Only small and medium-sized natural avalanches are possible.