



Weather Alert: Vienna (Austria), High Avalanche Possibility in Austrian Alps

Winter weather; Landslides and mudslides

Europe > Austria

1/4/2019

Location: Austrian Alpine Regions

Event: The Austrian Weather Service and the European Avalanche Warning System report that the avalanche danger is high over widespread areas in the mountainous regions of Austria. Some parts of Austria have reached a level four warning on the European Avalanche Warning scale (high). Wind slabs can be released easily, even by a single winter sport participant. The avalanche prone locations are numerous and are barely recognizable because of poor visibility. Small to medium-sized natural avalanches are to be expected. The danger exists primarily in alpine snow sports terrain above the tree-line, but conditions can change rapidly.

Actions to take:

Follow the instructions of local authorities and guides.

Avoid back country skiing or other winter sports in affected areas.

Monitor local media for updates before and during your travel.

Monitor websites of the European Avalanche Warning system and the Austrian Avalanche Report website at <https://www.lawine.at/>.

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Advisories, Europe Travel Alert, and Austria Country Specific Information.

Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

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