






## North American Public Avalanche Danger Scale

*Avalanche danger is determined by the likelihood, size and distribution of avalanches.*

Danger Level		Travel Advice	Likelihood of Avalanches	Avalanche Size & Distribution
<b>5 Extreme</b>		Avoid all avalanche terrain.	Natural and human-triggered avalanches certain.	Large to very large avalanches in many areas.
<b>4 High</b>		Very dangerous avalanche conditions. Travel in avalanche terrain <u>not</u> recommended.	Natural avalanches likely; human-triggered avalanches very likely.	Large avalanches in many areas; or very large avalanches in specific areas.
<b>3 Considerable</b>		Dangerous avalanche conditions. Careful snowpack evaluation, cautious routefinding and conservative decision-making essential.	Natural avalanches possible; human-triggered avalanches likely.	Small avalanches in many areas; or large avalanches in specific areas; or very large avalanches in isolated areas.
<b>2 Moderate</b>		Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features. Evaluate snow and terrain carefully; identify features of concern.	Natural avalanches unlikely; human-triggered avalanches possible.	Small avalanches in specific areas; or large avalanches in isolated areas.
<b>1 Low</b>		Generally safe avalanche conditions. Watch for unstable snow on isolated terrain features.	Natural and human-triggered avalanches unlikely.	Small avalanches in isolated areas or extreme terrain.

*Safe backcountry travel requires training and experience.  
You Control Your Own Risk by choosing where, when and how you travel.*