



AVALANCHE SIZE SCALE

Size	Name	Destructive potential	Runout
Size 1	Small avalanche (sluff)	Minimal danger of burying (danger of falling)	Snow relocation typically stops before the end of a slope
Size 2	Medium avalanche	Could bury, injure or kill a person	Snow avalanche stops typically at the end of a slope
Size 3	Large avalanche	Could bury and destroy a car, damage a truck; destroy a small building or break a few trees	Snow avalanche could traverse flat terrain (considerably below 30°) over distances of less than 50 m
Size 4	Very large avalanche	Could bury and destroy a railway car, large truck, several buildings or a piece of forest	Snow avalanche traverses flat terrain (considerably below 30°) over distances more than 50 m and can reach valley ground
Size 5	Extremely large avalanche	Could gouge the landscape; disastrous damage potential	Snow avalanche reaches valley ground; largest runout distance known