
In Tuva Republic, probe launched in poisoning children in daycare facility

The Tuva Republic Office of the Investigative Committee following a check of mass media reports about mass food poisoning of children has opened an investigation in a crime under Part 2, item “b” of Article 238 of the RF Penal Code (execution of work or provision of services that do not meet safety standards).

A preliminary investigation has established that on 25 October 2016, from 8:15 PM, 24 children aged between 1.5 and 7 years were taken to hospitals with symptoms of food poisoning after all of them had spent a day in Thumbelina daycare center in the settlement of Khovu-Aksy, Chedi-Kholsky District. 19 of the children were taken to hospitals with some of them in medium grave condition, while the rest of them were discharged to get medical attention at home.

After receiving the results of tests run by the regional office of Rospotrebnadzor (the federal consumer rights protection authority), a forensic inquiry will be run over catering documents, samples of food and water seized by the investigator from the daycare facility.

By now most of the children have been discharged, the investigators are now looking in all the details of the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

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