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## **The Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia requested a report on investigation of a probe into the fact of two children receiving burns in the Republic of Bashkortostan**



The Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia Alexander Ivanovich Bastrykin requested a report on the progress of the criminal investigation of a probe under Part 2 of Article 293 of the Criminal Code of Russia (negligence entailing infliction of severe harm to health or death), on the fact that two minors received thermal burns when a barrel with flammable substance caught fire.

According to investigators, on August 17, 2021 employees of one of the fire and rescue units of the Main Directorate of Emergencies of Russia in the Republic of Bashkortostan pulled out a metal barrel while extinguishing a fire in a garage located in the village of Akyar. After extinguishing the fire the barrel was left outside unattended. In the evening of the same day two 6-year-old children while playing set fire to the barrel, as a result the flammable substance inside it caught fire and the children received thermal burns of 90% and 50% of their body surface, after which they were hospitalized. Six days later the child died in hospital with 90% burns of his body surface. According to preliminary data, the barrel contained carbide. Currently, investigators have organized a set of measures aimed at establishing all the circumstances of what happened. During the investigation the actions (inaction) of officials responsible for safety at the scene of fire extinguishing will be given a legal assessment.

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The progress of the investigation is under supervision of the Central Office of the Investigative Committee.

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