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## **The Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia instructs to report on the circumstances of a major fire on the territory of a shopping center in Khimki**



On December 9, 2022, a fire broke out on the territory of a shopping center in Khimki urban okrug. The fire quickly spread around a large area of the building. At the moment, there is information about one dead, further information about the victims is being specified. The fire is currently under control by Emergency Services. Investigators and Forensic Experts are also on the scene. The Investigating Authorities of the Main Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia for Moscow Oblast launched a criminal case (Article 238 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation - the performance of work or the provision of services that do not meet safety requirements). Investigators will have to detect the causes that led to the fire, a number of examinations will be appointed.

Mr. Alexander Ivanovich Bastrykin, Head of the Investigative Committee of Russia, instructed Mr. A.Yu. Starikov, Head of the Main Investigative Directorate of the ICR for Moscow Oblast, to submit a report on the circumstances of the incident.

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