

Chinese Migrant Workers Killed in Russian Shoe Factory Fire

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Emergency Situations Ministry in Novosibirsk

At least 10 foreign workers have been killed in a massive fire at a shoe factory in Russia's Novosibirsk region.

The incident near the Siberian town of Iskitim may have been caused by fire safety violations, local media <u>reported</u> on Thursday.

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"[The victims] tried to extinguish the fire before the arrival of the firefighters. However, they died of carbon monoxide poisoning," the Interfax news agency <u>cited</u> an emergency response team source as saying.

The state-run RIA Novosti news agency reported that 10 people died in the fire, including

seven Chinese citizens, two citizens of Kyrgyzstan and one Russian.

Authorities have opened a criminal investigation into the incident, a regional Investigative Committee spokesman told RIA Novosti. He <u>added</u> that the death toll was still being verified.

"It's possible that the victims were unfamiliar with the basic rules of safety," an emergency response team source <u>told</u> Interfax.

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