

# 8 Die in Moscow Fire, Historic Building at Risk of Collapse (in Photos)

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**Emergency Situations Ministry**

*Update: Two more bodies were found in the building since the fire was put out, raising the death toll to eight people, including two children, an Investigative Committee spokesperson was [cited](#) as saying by Interfax.*

Eight people have died in an apartment fire on Nikitsky Bulvar in central Moscow, authorities said on Monday.

Videos published online showed firefighters [dousing](#) the flames on a fifth-floor balcony of the historic building in the dead of night.

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The Emergency Situations Ministry initially [placed](#) the death toll at four killed and two injured

in the fire.

The seven-story building is now at risk of collapse, an unnamed source [told](#) the state-run TASS news agency.

Investigators [opened](#) a probe into the incident.

The fire may have been caused by a short circuit in one of the apartments, a landlord was [cited](#) as saying.

The building, located in central Moscow's Arbat district, was built in 1914. A fourth-floor apartment in the building has reportedly been [placed](#) on sale for 36.9 million rubles (\$562,000).

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