

Shopping Center Fire in Bashkortostan Kills 4

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A fire at a shopping center in Sterlitamak on Sept. 22, 2026. **Russian Emergencies Ministry**

At least four people were killed in a fire that broke out at a shopping center in the city of Sterlitamak in Russia's republic of Bashkortostan, emergency services told state news agencies on Tuesday afternoon.

The Emergency Situations Ministry [said](#) the blaze erupted at the Solnechny shopping center at around noon local time and spread across 2,100 square meters (22,600 square feet) before firefighters [contained](#) it by 2 p.m.

It said emergency crews rescued 17 people from the building, including a child.

Sterlitamak is located 1,150 kilometers (715 miles) east of Moscow.

Videos and photos shared online showed smoke and flames billowing from the four-story brick building. One video [showed](#) a person jumping from the building onto a crowd below to escape the fire.

Regional health officials [said](#) four people were hospitalized for injuries, including three women and a 16-year-old girl. One of the women remains in critical condition, they added.

A short circuit is suspected as the preliminary cause of the fire, sources [told](#) the news agency RIA Novosti.

The Investigative Committee, Russia's top investigative body, [said](#) it opened a criminal probe into negligence resulting in death

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