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## SPECIFICS OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIRE SAFETY VIOLATIONS

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*Abstract.* The issues related to the legal aspects of fire safety are considered. It has been established that statistical data indicate an increase in the number of fires. It is noted that the established fact of arson is a significant cause of fires and tends to increase. The statistics of criminal cases for the period 2022–2023 initiated under Art. 219 of the Criminal code of the Russian Federation are presented. It is concluded that the priority task of ensuring fire safety is the assimilation and observance of the basic legal norms of fire safety by all participants in public relations.

*Key words:* fire safety, criminal responsibility, violation of fire safety rules, fire safety rules, Criminal code of the Russian Federation

### Introduction

Nowadays, scientific and technological progress is becoming the cause of problematic issues related to the legal provision of fire safety [1–9]. Fire as a destructive process is capable of damaging the environment, material values and often leads to human casualties.

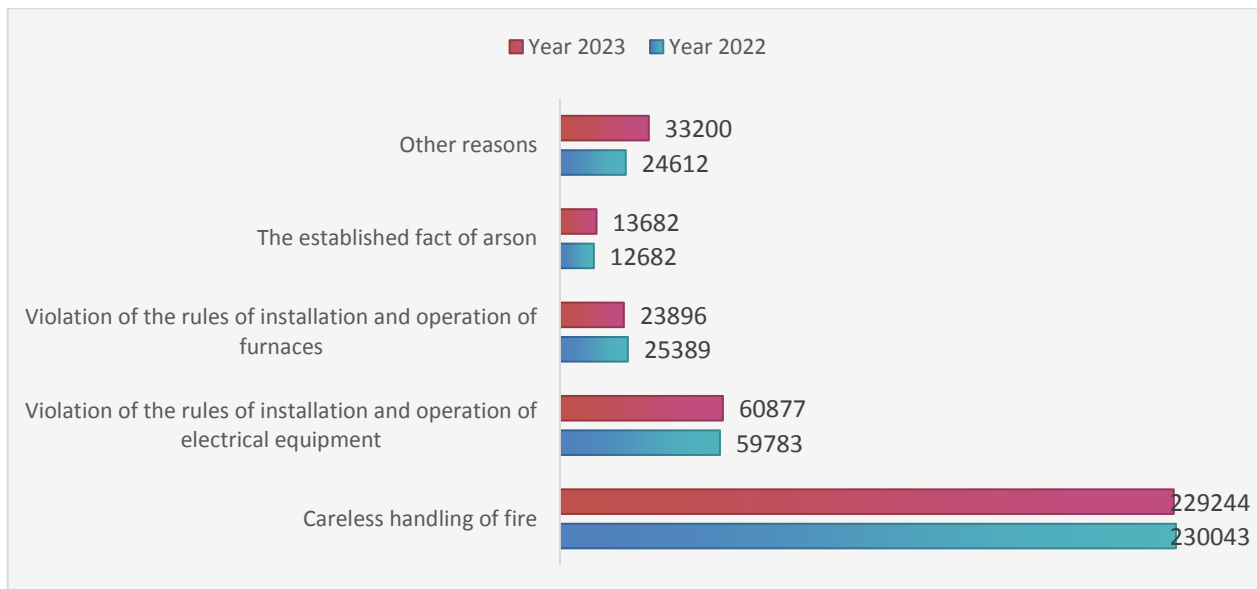
A large number of factors that cause fires are related to the development of production technologies. When creating modern machinery and equipment, flammable materials are often used, increasing the risk of emergencies.

### Fire statistics

Statistical data indicate an upward trend in the number of fires. So, in 2023, according to the Russian research institute of fire protection of EMERCOM of Russia, 360,962 fires were registered, which indicates an increase in the dynamics of fires compared to 2022 – 352,602 fires [10].

Despite the fact that the rates are decreasing due to some reasons for the occurrence of fires, the total number continues to grow (fig.).

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**Fig. Comparative statistics of the main causes of fires based on the results of 2022 and 2023**

Based on statistical data, it can be concluded that the established fact of arson is one of the significant causes of fires, which tends to increase. In this regard, it is necessary to improve existing preventive and preventive legal measures and to find new ways to minimize the consequences of fires.

### **Criminal case statistics**

The trend towards an increase in the number of criminal cases initiated under Art. 219 of the Criminal code of the Russian Federation (CC RF), which provides for criminal liability for violations of fire safety requirements, is confirmed by the number of relevant cases. According to the results of the consideration of crimes in 2023, two criminal cases were initiated on the grounds of a crime under part 1 of Art. 219 of the Criminal code of the Russian Federation, which exceeds the figure of the previous year (0 criminal cases), and according to the results of 2023, five criminal cases were initiated under part 2 of Art. 219 and 17 criminal cases under part 3 of Art. 219 of the Criminal code of the Russian Federation, in contrast to 2022, during which five criminal cases were initiated under part 2 of Art. 219 and six criminal cases under part 3 of Art. 219 of the Criminal code [11]. The tendency towards an increase in bringing people to criminal responsibility for violations of fire safety rules and requirements can be justified by problems that arise both in the legal sphere and in the field of fire safety at various facilities [12].

The subject of the crime is the requirements of fire safety, which are reflected in the current regulatory legal acts. A victim may be considered a person who has suffered as a result of violations of fire safety requirements, including the person himself guilty of committing an offense under Article 219 of the Criminal code of the Russian Federation.

### **Conclusion**

It should be understood that the priority task of ensuring fire safety is the assimilation and observance of the basic legal norms of fire safety by all participants in public relations.

The improvement and further development of the current legislation is the guarantor of the public safety of modern Russian society.

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