



Playing a deadly hide-and-seek with a Polar Bear

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This story happened almost one year ago on December 29th, in the Alaskan town of **Barrow**, the northernmost town of the **United States**, 340 miles north of the **Arctic Circle**. A man was returning to his car when he saw a **polar bear** clearly looking for food. With no time to unlock the door of his vehicle and climb inside, he tried to duck out of sight. As you can see in the following photo-sequence the man and the bear started a very dangerous (for the man) version of a game, half hide-and-seek half peek-a-boo, with the polar bear chasing his target around man's car and a near pick-up truck.

The man finally took refuge in this pick-up truck that quite luckily had its door opened. The Polar bear however managed to land a few heavy swipes on his prey.

The man's back and head were covered in more than 100 deep scratches where the massive claws had managed to rip through his thick winter clothes!



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Polar Bears are the world's largest land predator, and are the only animals that actively hunt humans. They are predominantly carnivores, eating seals, fish, **reindeer**, seabirds and even whales and baby **walruses**. However The wildlife group Polar Bears International says only one person has been killed by a polar bear in the U.S. in the past 30 years. In **Canada** eight have been killed and in **Russia**, 19.

A spokesman said: 'In all instances in which a human was killed by a polar bear, the animal in question was undernourished or had been provoked.'

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