

Ted Nugent: He's high on life, not drugs, alcohol

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Internationally known musician Ted Nugent was one of the main attractions at Soberfest held recently in Anchorage to promote the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse and "A Community Natural High."

"I'm the only guy in the history of rock & roll that has never done drugs," Nugent said, adding and that he's never even touched a cigarette.

Nugent gets "high on life" and

is having the time of his life rocking and playing his guitar.

The singer, famous for such songs as "Cat Scratch Fever," is convinced that virtually every accident where someone is seriously injured or dies is "directly related to the abuse of alcohol or drugs."

"I don't understand. What are these people doing?" he asked.

Nugent isn't the only musician fighting drug and alcohol abuse. Young rock groups like the Jeps are promoting the slogan: "Be Smart! Don't Start! Just Say No!"

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Nugent says he thinks that is a step in the right direction.

His advice for people considering the use of drugs or alcohol is: "Wake up" and "Look at the obvious."

Nugent, an avid bow hunter who first came to Alaska in 1977, says he has a special place in his heart for the state.

"My love for Alaska brought me here," he said. "This is my dream place."