CLAIMS:

1. A hand pole and socket arrangement for use in a passenger service vehicle, the arrangement comprising:

a hand pole having a first end and a second end; and

a first socket for fitting to a passenger vehicle and for receiving the first end of the hand pole for preventing relative rotation of the first socket relative to the first end of the hand pole, said first socket having an interior wall with at least one of the following:

the first end of the hand pole having a radially outwardly extending first projection and the interior wall of the first socket having a corresponding radially outwardly extending first depression; and

the first socket having a radially inward extending first projection on the interior wall, and the first end of the hand pole having a corresponding radially inward extending first depression.

2. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 1, wherein:

the first end of the hand pole has a radially outwardly extending second projection, and the interior wall of the first socket has a corresponding radially outwardly extending second depression,

wherein the second projection and the corresponding second depression are diametrically opposed to the first projection and the corresponding first depression; and

the second projection fits in the second depression preventing relative rotation of the first socket and first pole end in use.

3. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 1, wherein:

the first socket has a radially inward extending second projection on the interior wall, and the first end of the hand pole has a corresponding radially inward extending second depression,

wherein the second projection and the corresponding second depression are diametrically opposed to the first projection and the corresponding first depression; and

the second projection fits in the second depression preventing relative rotation of the first socket and first pole end in use.

4. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the first projection is resiliently biased towards the corresponding first depression.

5. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 4 wherein the first projection is spring loaded.

6. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 1, wherein at least one of:

the corresponding radially outwardly extending first depression on the interior wall of the first socket; and

the corresponding radially inward extending first depression on the first end of the hand pole has an axially extending groove.

7. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 6 wherein the corresponding radially outwardly extending first depression is provided on the interior wall of the first socket and wherein the first projection takes the form of a spring loaded pin, having a pin body and at least a first end that can move inwardly and outwardly with respect to the pin body, the spring loaded pin being inserted radially into the first end of the hand pole transverse to its longitudinal axis.

8. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 7, wherein:

the spring loaded pin is inserted through a diameter of the first end of the hand pole to provide the first and second diametrically opposed outward projections; and

the interior wall of the first socket further comprises a radially outwardly extending second depression in the form of an axially extending second groove that is diametrically opposed to the axially extending first groove,

wherein each of the first and second diametrically opposed outward projections fit into a corresponding one of the diametrically opposed axially extending first and second grooves on the interior wall of the first socket.

9. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 8 wherein the spring loaded pin is double ended, having a pin body, and first and second ends each of which can move inwardly and outwardly with respect to the pin body.

10. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the hand pole is generally vertically disposed in use and the first socket and first end of the hand pole are uppermost in use.

11. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the second end of the hand pole is circular in cross section and the arrangement further comprises a second socket, wherein the second end of the hand pole fits in use to the second socket that receives and holds the second end when fitted in a suitable location in a passenger vehicle.

12. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second socket for fitting to a passenger vehicle and for receiving the second end of the hand pole, said second socket having an interior wall,

wherein the second end of the hand pole has at least one of:

a radially outwardly extending first projection and the interior wall of the second socket having a corresponding radially outwardly extending first depression; and

the second socket having a radially inward extending first projection on the interior wall and the second end of the hand pole having a corresponding radially inward extending first depression,

wherein the first projection fits in the first depression preventing relative rotation of the second socket and second pole end in use.

13. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the arrangement further comprises a second socket, wherein the second end of the hand pole is clamped in use into the second socket when fitted in a suitable location in a passenger vehicle.

14. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the first socket includes flanges extending laterally of the socket for attachment to a surface.

15. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 14 further including a ceiling fitting for fitting to the ceiling of a passenger service vehicle, the

ceiling fitting including a groove formed to allow attachment of the socket at any point along the groove.

16. The hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 15 further comprising a protective and/or decorative sheeting that covers the flanges extending laterally of the socket.

17. A passenger service vehicle comprising a hand pole and socket arrangement according to claim 1.

18. The passenger service vehicle of claim 17 wherein the passenger service vehicle is selected from the group consisting of buses, coaches, trams, trains, boats and ships.