CLAIMS:

1. A device, comprising:

an elongated main body;

a handle portion disposed at a first end of the elongated main body;

a latch mechanism disposed at a second end of the elongated main body, wherein the latch mechanism is configured to latch onto a member of an enclosure;

an actuation mechanism disposed along a length of the elongated main body between the first and second ends of the elongated main body, wherein the actuation mechanism is configured to actuate the latch mechanism; and

a positioning mechanism disposed along the length of the elongated main body between the first and second ends of the elongated main body, wherein the positioning mechanism is configured to fix a first location of the elongated main body relative to the enclosure, ~~and~~ wherein the elongated main body is configured to be extended relative to the enclosure when the first location of the elongated main body is fixed relative to the enclosure via the positioning mechanism, and wherein the first location of the elongated main body is configured to be coupled to the enclosure while the latch mechanism is latched onto the member of the enclosure preventing evacuation from the enclosure and while the latch mechanism is unlatched from the member of the enclosure enabling evacuation from the enclosure.

2. The device of claim 1, wherein the latch mechanism comprises a hook configured to latch onto the member of the enclosure.

3. The device of claim 1, wherein the latch mechanism is spring-loaded, and wherein the actuation mechanism is configured to open the latch mechanism by counteracting the spring loading of the latch mechanism.

4. The device of claim 1, wherein the actuation mechanism comprises a cable pull physically coupled to a cable at a first end of the cable, wherein the cable is physically coupled to the latch mechanism at a second end of the cable.

5. The device of claim 1, wherein the elongated main body comprises a substantially linear extension arm configured to be extended relative to the enclosure when the first location of the elongated main body is fixed relative to the enclosure via the positioning mechanism, a substantially linear handle arm connected to the extension arm at a first bend of the elongated main body, and a substantially linear latch arm connected to the extension arm at a second bend of the elongated main body; and wherein the handle arm is substantially perpendicular to the latch arm.

6. The device of claim 5, wherein the first and second bends comprise substantially 90 degree bends.

~~7. The device of claim 6, wherein the handle arm is substantially perpendicular to the latch arm.~~

~~8.~~ 7. The device of claim 5, wherein the extension arm comprises a stop mechanism configured to abut a surface of the enclosure to fix a second location of the elongated main body relative to the enclosure when the extension arm is extended relative to the enclosure.

~~9.~~ 8. The device of claim 1, wherein the positioning mechanism comprises one or more compliant supports configured to mate with contoured edges of the enclosure.

~~10.~~ 9. The device of claim 1, wherein the enclosure comprises a vehicle of an amusement park ride.

~~11.~~ 10. An evacuation deterrence system, comprising;

a vehicle configured to accommodate one or more passengers, wherein the vehicle comprises a fixed member configured to deter evacuation of the one or more passengers from the vehicle; and

an evacuation deterrence device configured to latch onto the fixed member of the vehicle, wherein the evacuation deterrence device comprises:

an elongated main body;

a handle portion disposed at a first end of the elongated main body; a latch mechanism disposed at a second end of the elongated main body, wherein the latch mechanism is configured to latch onto the fixed member of the vehicle;

an actuation mechanism disposed along a length of the elongated main body between the first and second ends of the elongated main body, wherein the actuation mechanism is configured to actuate the latch mechanism; and

a positioning mechanism disposed along the length of the elongated main body between the first and second ends of the elongated main body, wherein the positioning mechanism is configured to fix a first location of the elongated main body relative to the vehicle, ~~and~~ wherein the elongated main body is configured to be extended relative to the vehicle when the first location of the elongated main body is fixed relative to the vehicle via the positioning mechanism, and wherein the first location of the elongated main body is configured to be coupled to the vehicle while the latch mechanism is latched onto the fixed member of the vehicle preventing evacuation from the vehicle and while the latch mechanism is unlatched from the fixed member of the vehicle enabling evacuation from the vehicle.

~~12.~~ 11. The evacuation deterrence system of claim ~~11~~ 10, wherein the latch mechanism comprises a hook configured to latch onto the fixed member of the vehicle.

~~13.~~ 12. The evacuation deterrence system of claim ~~11~~ 10, wherein the latch mechanism is spring-loaded, and wherein the actuation mechanism is configured to open the latch mechanism by counteracting the spring-loading of the latch mechanism.

~~14.~~ 13. The evacuation deterrence system of claim ~~11~~ 10, wherein the actuation mechanism comprises a cable pull physically coupled to a cable at a first end of the cable, wherein the cable is physically coupled to the latch mechanism at a second end of the cable.

~~15.~~ 14. The evacuation deterrence system of claim ~~11~~ 10, wherein the elongated main body comprises a substantially linear extension arm configured to be extended relative to the vehicle when the first location of the elongated main body is fixed relative to the vehicle via the positioning mechanism, a substantially linear handle arm connected to the extension arm at a first bend of the elongated main body, and a substantially linear latch

arm connected to the extension arm at a second bend of the elongated main body; and wherein the handle arm is substantially perpendicular to the latch arm.

~~16.~~ 15. The evacuation deterrence system of claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein the first and second bends comprise substantially 90 degree bends.

~~17. The evacuation deterrence system of claim 16, wherein the handle arm is substantially perpendicular to the latch arm.~~

~~18.~~ 16. The evacuation deterrence system of claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein the extension arm comprises a stop mechanism configured to abut a surface of the vehicle to fix a second location of the elongated main body relative to the vehicle when the extension arm is extended relative to the vehicle.

~~19.~~ 17. The evacuation deterrence system of claim ~~11~~ 10, wherein the positioning mechanism comprises one or more compliant supports configured to mate with contoured edges of the vehicle.

~~20.~~ 18. A device, comprising:

a substantially linear handle arm;

a substantially linear extension arm connected to the handle arm via a substantially 90 degree first bend, wherein the extension arm is configured to extend along a longitudinal axis of the extension arm, and wherein the extension arm comprises:

one or more compliant supports configured to mate with contoured edges of a vehicle to fix a first location of the extension arm relative to the vehicle; and

a stopper plate configured to abut a surface of the vehicle to fix a second location of the extension arm relative to the vehicle when the extension arm is extended relative to the vehicle;

a substantially linear latch arm connected to the extension arm via a substantially 90 degree second bend, wherein the latch arm is substantially perpendicular to the handle arm, ~~and~~ wherein the latch arm comprises a spring-loaded hook disposed at an end of the latch arm opposite the second bend, wherein the spring-loaded hook is configured to latch onto a fixed member of the vehicle, and wherein the first location of the extension arm is

configured to be coupled to the vehicle while the latch arm is latched onto the fixed member of the vehicle preventing evacuation from the vehicle and while the latch arm is unlatched from the fixed member of the vehicle enabling evacuation from the vehicle; and

a cable pull physically coupled to a cable at a first end of the cable, wherein the cable is physically coupled to the spring-loaded hook at a second end of the cable, and wherein the cable pull is configured to open the spring-loaded hook by counteracting the spring-loading of the spring-loaded hook.