

# Legislation

## Safe Pass



The SOLAS Safe Pass Programme was developed following an initiative by the Construction Industry Training Committee. This initiative was incorporated into the Construction Safety Partnership Plan which was launched by Tom Kitt T.D, Minister for Labour, Trade and Consumer Affairs in October 2000. Detailed consultation took place between SOLAS and expert working groups representing the Social Partners with the support of the Construction Industry Training Committee. The consultation focused on the content and delivery of the SOLAS Safe Pass Programme and took into account the target group to whom it was to be delivered.

The Health and Safety Awareness Training provided under the SOLAS Safe Pass Programme complies with the provisions of the:-

- Safety, Health, and Welfare at Work Act 2005,
- Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) (Regulations, 2007
- Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013.

It is important to note that the SOLAS Safe Pass Programme **does not** relieve employers of their statutory duty to provide other appropriate health and safety training for their employees.

The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (Part 1, Section 4) provides details on the categories/occupations for which a SOLAS Safe Pass Registration Card is required. Construction Apprentices registered under the Standards Based Apprenticeship Scheme, and trainees undergoing Traineeships in the Construction Industry are also required to have a SOLAS Safety Awareness Card. Details are available at [www.solas.ie](http://www.solas.ie)