

POSITION: HSSE Director  
ORGANISATION: Al Bawani Construction  
INDUSTRY/SECTOR: Construction  
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# Member Profile:

## Darryl McCabe

In this interview, Darryl McCabe highlights his career to date, the reasons why he became a risk and safety management professional and how joining IIRSM can help you build and strengthen your skills, and support professional development

### **Tell us about your background, your current role and IIRSM membership grade**

I have worked in the construction industry for the last 28 years and am currently HSSE Director for Al Bawani Construction in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia where I also act as chair of the IIRSM Branch. I am a full IIRSM member.

### **What prompted you to become a risk and safety management professional?**

There are a number of reasons why I chose this profession. I had seen a person on a construction site fall and die and that had a big impact on me.

Also, my father was the HSE Manager at the Construction Industry Federation (CIF) in the Republic of Ireland. He was and remains a big influence.

Professionally, I have always wanted to make a difference to the way people act and think in relation to health and safety. In the Kingdom

of Saudi Arabia, it is fair to say that safety competency and knowledge is not of a high standard. As a result, people are put at risk every day so I want to be positive influence on them and their thought processes.

### **Tell us about why you joined IIRSM and how it has helped you**

I wanted to join IIRSM because I wanted to be involved with like-minded people. For me this membership body is a great fit. It has a more personal, hands-on approach which I like.

In addition, IIRSM's status is growing. I believe it is an excellent organisation for health, safety, environment and risk professionals, no matter what their level of experience and expertise.

Becoming a member has enabled me to meet other safety and risk management professionals and has also helped me to build my knowledge and qualifications.

The webinars that IIRSM provide and

the Sentinel events put on in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have been invaluable. They have really helped my professional development.

One of the main reasons I am involved with IIRSM is the support it provides. It's a big part of why I want to be part of this growing membership body.

IIRSM has also helped me to encourage my own HSSE team here at Al Bawani Construction to become members. Becoming part of such a recognised body has improved their confidence and supported their continuing professional development.

### **How can IIRSM membership help risk and safety management professionals?**

IIRSM makes you feel that you are part of something much bigger. The membership body is growing in membership numbers and is increasing its international reach. It is really supportive and is always encouraging people to get involved.