

POSITION: OE & Compliance Co-ordinator  
ORGANISATION: Saudi Aramco, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
INDUSTRY/SECTOR: Construction, manufacturing,  
petrochemicals, services and trading  
SOCIAL:



# Member Profile:

## Abdullah Al-Ghamdi, AIIRSM

In this interview, Abdullah Al-Ghamdi 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 for Saudi Aramco for more than 29 years and am currently its OE & Compliance Coordinator. I am an Associate member of IIRSM and part of its Emerging Risk Leader Group in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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

My decision to become a risk and safety management professional was partly driven by practical reasons but also because I recognised that this career can be hugely rewarding and has the potential to save lives.

Every employer needs to protect its employees, the public and the environment and ensure their equipment and materials are properly maintained. This is where the risk and safety management professional's role comes in; it is their responsibility to safeguard themselves, others and the organisation as a whole.

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

I joined IIRSM in August 2021 and membership offers many benefits. It has raised my profile and supports my career progression. IIRSM membership has helped to strengthen my competence, improve my confidence and broaden my influence.

IIRSM membership has also helped me with my ongoing professional development, enabling me to navigate my risk and safety management journey.

I value the online support IIRSM provides in terms of the practical advice, education and training that it offers, helping me to manage risk related to my workplace.

In particular, I have found the mentoring scheme to be rewarding. I am part of a project management team and lots of people on the project approach me for advice relating to safe work practices, safety requirements and managing risk. My involvement with IIRSM has enhanced my decision making and the advice I provide.

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

Becoming a member will be something that you can proudly list on your CV. It will raise your profile, particularly when you are applying for new roles, and will also help you to progress your career.

IIRSM has a huge number of members and most are in management roles. When you join, you will be part of a risk leader's network and giving you a more professional perspective of managing risk.

The risk management framework that IIRSM offers will benefit members regardless of where they are in their careers; a starter or an experienced risk and safety management professional.

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