

POSITION: Head of Safety (Estates)
ORGANISATION: King's College London
INDUSTRY / SECTOR: Higher Education
SOCIAL:



Member Profile:

Dev Agarwal, SIIRSM

In this interview, Dev Agarwal 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 am a Chartered Safety and Health Practitioner and a Specialist IIRSM member who brings 13 years' experience of working in safety and risk management.

This extensive experience includes employee training, education and delivery of quality, health, safety and environment (QHSE) strategies in both the public and the private sectors across Australia, the Middle East and the UK.

I have expertise in transforming strategic plans into tactical initiatives and also in developing long-term sustainable plans to reduce risks and improve safety and health. My skills also cover developing QHSE management and assurance strategies and gathering and interpreting quality-based compliance management.

In addition to my current role, I am Communications Officer and CPD/ Training Co-ordinator for IIRSM's London Committee.

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

I chose to become a safety and risk management professional because I wanted to create safe work environments by preventing workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses.

It has been a highly rewarding profession and I feel extremely proud that the systems I develop and implement help to save lives and prevent injuries.

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

I joined IIRSM in 2021 and have found that it is not like any other membership body. Its members are not limited to specific specialisms. In fact, you find that members work across all risk-related fields. The advantage of this is that IIRSM members can bring together all the benefits that come from an integrated risk decision-making approach.

Since joining, I have been able to successfully build new contacts and take up networking opportunities through IIRSM and its various committees.

IIRSM has enhanced my professional status and the recognition I have received from others worldwide. The professional body has also given me a platform on which I can share my experience and QHSE knowledge.

I really value IIRSM's magazines, newsletters, webinars and networking events as they provide access to a wealth of resources and offer invaluable advice on all risk-related matters.

How can IIRSM membership help risk and safety management professionals?

Professional recognition and enhanced status at a global level is a big reason for taking up membership. You will get an opportunity to join a professional body that represents members who work in all risk-related fields and can share the benefits of integrated risk-decision making.

There are ample opportunities to network and meet other risk and safety management professionals. You will also be able to access a wealth of resources and invaluable professional advice by becoming a member.