

Is bettafixplumbing.co.za a scam? TrustSniffer's high-risk assessment: 0/100

bettafixplumbing.co.za

Verdict

0

OUT OF 100

CRITICAL RISK

bettafixplumbing.co.za shows high-risk / scam indicators.

This assessment found strong scam indicators. Do not pay, sign in, or share personal details with this site.

Sensitive Interaction Risk

Assessed 2026-08-21 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

WHAT THIS SITE APPEARS TO BE

Website for Bettafix Plumbing offering residential, commercial and industrial plumbing services with contact phone numbers, email, service list, customer reviews and a WhatsApp chat integration.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	10 flagged it VirusTotal	RISK
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	11 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2018 Public history exists	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR1	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://bettafixplumbing.co.za/>



What bettafixplumbing.co.za served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-21. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Sensitive Interaction Risk.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2018.
- At least one reputation service TrustSniffer consulted had flagged this domain at assessment time.

Full analysis

Security Alert

Fortinet, Sophos flagged this site in external intelligence checks, indicating elevated compromise/scam exposure that requires immediate caution.

Bettafix Plumbing is a local-business website presenting residential, commercial, and industrial plumbing services, including leak detection, drain jetting, camera inspections, installations, emergency repairs, customer reviews, telephone contact, and WhatsApp-based enquiries. Its apparent business model is the sale of plumbing call-outs, repairs, and related services rather than financial, investment, or cryptocurrency activity.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No conflicting legal-entity names, on-page brand-impersonation indicators, login forms, credential-collection mechanisms, or financial-investment features were observed in the reviewed site content. However, the domain is subject to a confirmed blacklist signal: external analysis recorded 10 malicious detections and one suspicious detection, with Fortinet and Sophos among the vendors identifying a threat. This external evidence overrides the otherwise ordinary plumbing presentation and creates a material risk for sensitive interaction. The page-level content itself appears consistent with a local plumbing business, so the available evidence does not establish

that the operator is impersonating a named brand; identity remains unverified. The contact address `not provided in evidence` cannot be quoted or inferred; no suspicious contact-email anomaly was supplied.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage describes Bettafix Plumbing's residential, commercial, and industrial plumbing services and provides service-contact channels.
- External reputation telemetry records 10 malicious detections, 1 suspicious detection, and confirmed blacklist status; Fortinet and Sophos are named among the detecting vendors.
- Domain registration evidence records creation on 2015-11-24 and an age of 10.75 years.
- Archive coverage is recorded from 2018-02-02 through 2024-11-11, spanning 7 years, with incomplete historical coverage.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The website presents a commercial plumbing service but does not state a licensing authority or license number. This is a disclosure and verification gap, not by itself evidence of fraud, and the available material does not independently verify the operating entity. The site's business description is commercially plausible and contains service-specific content, reviews, and booking channels, while its missing structured metadata and limited authority footprint provide little additional corroboration. The decisive concern remains the external threat and blacklist evidence rather than the nature of the advertised plumbing services.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the business as Bettafix Plumbing and lists leak detection, drain jetting, camera inspection, emergency service, and related plumbing work.
- No licensing authority or license number is stated in the available business-model and page-content disclosures.
- Hosting resolves to AS37611, AFRIHOST SP (PTY) LTD, South Africa.
- The site uses a DV TLS certificate issued by YR1, valid to 2026-11-04.

What to Verify Next

Before any sensitive engagement, an independent offline route should confirm that Bettafix Plumbing operates at the claimed service location and that the telephone and booking channels belong to that business. Any required local trade or contractor authorization should be checked directly with the relevant authority, and payment arrangements should be validated through a separately confirmed business channel rather than relying solely on the website.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage supplies telephone contact, service information, customer reviews, and WhatsApp integration for independent cross-checking.
- The reviewed site contains no sensitive forms, login form, hidden forms, or password-submission destination.
- Two successful behavioral runs recorded no wallet connection, wallet-drainer activity, clipboard hijacking, cloaking, or suspicious inline scripts.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **critical trust risk**, with the domain unsuitable for sensitive interaction on the available evidence. Although the website’s visible content resembles a conventional local plumbing business, that appearance does not overcome the confirmed external threat indicators, and the real-world operator has not been independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is directly hosted on AFRIHOST SP (PTY) LTD infrastructure in South Africa, with no CDN or WAF detected and one likely origin address exposed. The valid transport certificate supports encrypted connection security, but neither hosting arrangement nor TLS validity establishes legitimacy; in this case, the infrastructure provides no meaningful offset to the external reputation risk.

Closing Assessment

Prospective engagement should remain limited to non-sensitive review until the business, service channels, and any required authorization have been independently confirmed; credentials, payments, and other sensitive information should not be submitted.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-21 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

1 finding contributed to this verdict, raised by analysis engine, external reputation.

01 Sensitive Interaction Risk

- The analysis matched a pattern TrustSniffer treats as a direct threat to a visitor.
Analysis engine signal:direct_threat
- An external threat feed lists this domain: either Google Safe Browsing marked it malicious, or a significant number of malware engines flagged it.
External reputation rule:EXT_BLACKLIST_CRITICAL

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of bettafixplumbing.co.za.

- The request stayed on bettafixplumbing.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Afrihost. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by co.za, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2026-11-24. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2018-02-02. CLEAR
- It is hosted on AFRIHOST SP (PTY) LTD, from a server in ZA. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Afrihost
Hosting	AFRIHOST SP (PTY) LTD - AFRIHOST SP (PTY) LTD, ZA
Country	ZA
Server IP	154.0.171.186
Name servers	ns.dns1.co.za, ns.dns2.co.za, ns.otherdns.net, ns.otherdns.com
SSL issuer	YR1
SSL expiry	2026-11-04
Domain age	10.75 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2026-11-24
Archive first seen	2018-02-02
Archive snapshots	Not counted (archive lookup incomplete)
Reputation	VirusTotal: 10 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about bettafixplumbing.co.za at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

