

Is bosswords.co safe? TrustSniffer's moderate-trust assessment: 50/100

bosswords.co

Verdict

50

OUT OF 100

MODERATE TRUST

bosswords.co is moderately trusted.

Most signals looked ordinary, and some evidence was missing. Read the checks below before you pay or hand over personal details.

Sensitive Interaction Risk

Governance Risk

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

What this site appears to be

A personal blog by Evan Mulvihill focused on crossword puzzles: publication news, puzzle notes, tutorials, and embedded puzzles. No financial solicitations or sensitive-data collection detected on the page.

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	4 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	1.3 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2026 Public history exists	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR1	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://bosswords.co/>

content, I decided to try a new approach with one of my themeless puzzles. I thought it might be fun to add an easy version of the puzzle to the standard, more difficult version.

The words in the finished grid are the same, but for the easy version, the clues are directed toward helping you get the answer (for the

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

Key findings

- Automated classification: Sensitive Interaction Risk.
- Domain age: 1 to 3 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2026.
- At least one reputation service TrustSniffer consulted had flagged this domain at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

Bosswords.co is a personal crossword-puzzle blog attributed on its homepage to Evan Mulvihill, presenting puzzle-solving and construction guides, publication updates, commentary, and embedded puzzle tools rather than a financial, commercial, or credential-collection service.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

The site content itself is consistent with a genuine personal publishing project: the homepage contains substantive crossword material, references puzzle publications, links to established puzzle-related destinations, and presents no login form, payment collection, sensitive-data form, financial solicitation, or detected brand impersonation. However, this benign page profile conflicts with significant external reputation signals: the domain has a confirmed blacklist status and multiple malicious detections. The resulting risk is concentrated on sensitive interactions rather than ordinary content viewing, and the external contradiction cannot be resolved solely by the site's editorial presentation.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the site as “Boss Words” by Evan Mulvihill and contains extensive crossword guides, publication notes, and embedded puzzles.
- The homepage analysis recorded no login form, hidden sensitive form, password submission, wallet activity, or payment-collection mechanism.
- External reputation telemetry recorded 4 malicious detections and a confirmed blacklist status from 2 sources.
- Domain registration records show registration on 2025-05-15, with an age of 1.27 years.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available pages present a personal blog rather than a regulated financial or investment service, so no licensing claim is evidenced as part of the site's apparent operating model. The real-world operator identity is only likely, not independently verified; the site's attribution and the registration record should therefore not be treated as proof of a legal entity. No broker-dataset match was identified, but that contextual result is not a licensing or regulatory determination. The principal regulatory concern is therefore verification of identity and any payment or donation activity that may appear outside the reviewed page, rather than an evidenced unlicensed financial offering.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage and publication-related pages describe crossword writing, solving, and construction activities rather than regulated products.
- The site's transport encryption uses a DV certificate issued by YR1, valid through 2026-11-06.
- The available technical record identifies Network Solutions, LLC. as the registrar and lists Donald Mulvihill as the registrant.
- No regulated-service license claim or registration number is evidenced on the reviewed content.

What to Verify Next

Before any credential submission, payment, donation, or other sensitive interaction, independently confirm that the domain is the intended official site through a separately established author or publication channel. Any external payment destination, subscription request, or account-related prompt should be checked for consistent ownership, terms, refund conditions, and payment-provider protections. Official contact channels should be confirmed through an independent route rather than relying solely on links presented by the site.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage links to external publishing and puzzle-related destinations, providing potential independent reference points for confirming the site's attribution.
- The reviewed page contains no sensitive form or direct payment workflow, so any such request would represent a material change in the observed interaction model.
- The site was successfully retrieved with an HTTP 200 response in both evaluated behavioral runs.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **moderate trust with elevated risk for sensitive interactions**. The site's substantive personal-blog content supports an apparently authentic publishing purpose, but the confirmed external reputation contradiction prevents the website from being treated as suitable for unrestricted account, credential, or financial activity. Identity remains apparent rather than proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is hosted directly through Oracle Corporation's US infrastructure, identified as AS31898, with no CDN or WAF edge detected and no origin candidates identified. This is a technically resolved hosting posture, but hosting infrastructure and transport protections are mitigating controls only and do not establish the legitimacy of the operator or overcome the external reputation concerns.

EVIDENCE

- Hosting infrastructure: AS31898, ORACLE-BMC-31898 – Oracle Corporation, US.
- The resolved server IP is 50.6.2.132 in the United States.
- Infrastructure analysis identified 1 unique IP, 0 edge IPs, and no detected CDN.

Closing Assessment

Restrict use to ordinary content consumption unless independent confirmation is obtained for any request involving credentials, payments, donations, or account access. Any change from the observed reading-oriented experience should be treated as requiring separate validation before proceeding.

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

What the analysis found

2 findings contributed to this verdict, raised by registration and ownership, analysis engine, behaviour in a sandbox.

01 Governance Risk

- The public registration record for this domain is incomplete.
Registration and ownership rule:KF_WHOIS_INCOMPLETE

02 Sensitive Interaction Risk

- The analysis matched a pattern TrustSniffer treats as a direct threat to a visitor.
Analysis engine signal:direct_threat
- Most of what the page loaded came from other domains rather than from this one.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_EXTERNAL_RATIO_HIGH
- The page sent data to a destination TrustSniffer does not recognise.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_NONWHITELISTED_POSTS
- The structure of the page changed sharply while it was loading.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_DOM_DENSITY_SPIKE
- The page made background requests to destinations TrustSniffer does not recognise.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_NONWHITELISTED_XHR
- The page exchanged network traffic with destinations TrustSniffer does not recognise.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_NONWHITELISTED_TRAFFIC

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	73/100
Identity verification confidence	74%

- Trusted social count=1

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 bosswords.co.

- The request stayed on bosswords.co. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC.. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by bluehost.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-05-15. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2026-01-22. CLEAR
- It is hosted on ORACLE-BMC-31898, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC.
Hosting	ORACLE-BMC-31898 - Oracle Corporation, US
Country	US
Server IP	50.6.2.132
Name servers	NS1.BLUEHOST.COM, NS2.BLUEHOST.COM

SSL issuer	YR1
SSL expiry	2026-11-06
Domain age	1.27 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-05-15
Archive first seen	2026-01-22
Archive snapshots	Not counted (archive lookup incomplete)
Reputation	VirusTotal: 4 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about bosswords.co 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.

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