

Is chicago.suntimes.com legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

chicago.suntimes.com

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

chicago.suntimes.com appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Front page of the Chicago Sun-Times with multi-section news listings, subscription and donation calls-to-action, account login and navigation to sports, politics, and local coverage.

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	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	31 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M04	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the Chicago Sun-Times, a regional news publisher presenting Chicago-focused reporting across news, politics, sports, crime, culture, health, business, and obituaries. Its apparent business model combines advertising, paid subscriptions, donations, classifieds, sponsored content, and reader account access.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed: the available evidence identifies no phishing, impersonation, malicious reputation, or blacklist indicators. The homepage presents substantial, coherent editorial content and ordinary newspaper functions rather than deceptive investment, gambling, or cryptocurrency mechanisms. Some browser telemetry recorded external traffic, substantial document changes after interaction, console errors, and two suspicious inline-script observations; in context, these are more consistent with a complex advertising, analytics, consent, and interactive publishing environment than with a confirmed abuse pattern, particularly because hidden forms, wallet activity, clipboard manipulation, and cloaking were not detected. The long-established registration and clean external reputation further support an established-site interpretation, although they do not independently prove the operator's real-world identity.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage contains multi-section Chicago news coverage, account navigation, subscription and donation calls-to-action, and no reported page-level red flags.
- The domain was registered on 1995-07-25 and is approximately 31.07 years old; registration is through Amazon Registrar, Inc.
- External checks recorded 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, no malicious safe-browsing result, 0 abuse reports, and no matched broker warning.
- Browser telemetry recorded 2 successful runs, 2 suspicious inline scripts, 23 console errors, 47 external XHR requests, 20 external POST requests, and 9,538 maximum DOM mutations after interaction, with no hidden forms, wallet runs, wallet-drainer runs, or clipboard hijacking.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site appears to operate as a news and media publisher, not as a financial service requiring the type of investment or trading authorization associated with regulated financial products. The available page evidence does not establish a regulated legal entity, licensing status, or license number; this is a transparency and verification point rather than evidence of fraud. The published ownership record identifies "On behalf of

suntimes.com OWNER” with an organization listed as “c/o whoisproxy.com,” while independent operator identity verification remains incomplete. A high page-authority signal, coherent publisher content, reputable registration infrastructure, and valid transport encryption are consistent with an established website, but do not convert the site's identity claims into independently verified proof.

EVIDENCE

- The site's hosting resolved to AS16509, Amazon.com, Inc., United States.
- The site's TLS certificate is issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M04, uses domain validation (DV), and is valid through 2026-11-10.
- The homepage identifies the service as “Chicago Sun-Times: Chicago news, politics, sports and more” and provides news, subscription, donation, classifieds, and account-navigation functions.
- No license claim, licensing authority, or license number is present in the supplied page-level business-model evidence.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an institution should independently confirm the merchant or publisher identity through an official corporate or public-record source, review the applicable subscription, cancellation, donation, and refund terms, and use payment methods offering appropriate dispute and consumer-protection mechanisms. Contact and support channels should be confirmed through an independently sourced official route rather than relying solely on information encountered during a transaction.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage includes login, account-management, subscription, donation, and cancellation-related navigation.
- The supplied identity evidence connects the domain to a named domain owner record but does not independently verify the real-world operator.
- The site's transport encryption is valid, but the certificate uses domain validation rather than an organization-validated identity certificate.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, and the available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website. The site should not be treated as having a proven real-world operator identity, but no scam or impersonation contradiction was observed.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is protected by Amazon CloudFront CDN/WAF infrastructure, and all observed addresses were CDN edge servers rather than identifiable origin candidates. This architecture mitigates direct origin exposure and reduces some forms of infrastructure abuse, but remains a protective control rather than proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary use is proportionate to the assessed posture, subject to independent identity, terms, and payment-protection checks before credentials or funds are committed.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	60%

- 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 [chicago.suntimes.com](#).

- The request stayed on [chicago.suntimes.com](#). It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Amazon Registrar, Inc.. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by [awsdns-49.org](#), across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-24. NOTED
- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Amazon Registrar, Inc.
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	18.165.140.108
Name servers	NS-1417.AWSDNS-49.ORG, NS-1607.AWSDNS-08.CO.UK, NS-214.AWSDNS-26.COM, NS-771.AWSDNS-32.NET
SSL issuer	Amazon RSA 2048 M04
SSL expiry	2026-11-10
Domain age	31.07 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-24
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about chicago.suntimes.com 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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