

Is eff.org legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

eff.org

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

eff.org appears legitimate.

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

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official site of the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF). Provides news, blog posts, resources, tools (e.g., Privacy Badger), and solicits donations and memberships. Content is editorial and advocacy-focused with clear navigation for issues, tools, and ways to give.

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	36 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1996 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR1	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).
- Public web-archive history exists since 1996.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

eff.org presents the Electronic Frontier Foundation as a nonprofit digital-rights advocacy organization, offering news, editorial analysis, legal and policy resources, privacy and security tools such as Privacy Badger, memberships, merchandise, sponsorships, and donation opportunities.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a coherent nonprofit and advocacy model, with navigation for digital privacy, free speech, surveillance, artificial intelligence, legal cases, tools, volunteering, and donations. The available behavioral checks found no login form, sensitive form, hidden form, wallet connection, clipboard activity, cloaking, or suspicious script behavior, and no brand-impersonation indicator was identified. The site's historical record is consistent with continuity rather than repurposing, supporting an apparently established provenance.

EVIDENCE

- Archive records show 5,000 snapshots spanning 1996-10-20 to 2014-07-08, covering 19 years tracked; no suspicious repurpose or semantic drift was identified.
- The homepage is classified as a nonprofit/informational page with zero reported red flags; behavioral observation recorded 0 external XHR requests, 0 wallet-connect runs, 0 hidden forms, and 0 suspicious inline scripts.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The About, Contact, People, annual-report, and donation areas provide a substantive organizational presentation and explain the site's advocacy, fundraising, and public-interest activities. Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website, reinforced by a long-established registration, strong global traffic footprint, clean major reputation checks, established page authority, and valid transport encryption. The real-world operator identity is not independently verified in this assessment. No regulated-license claim or license number is presented in the supplied site content; for this nonprofit business model, that is a verification point rather than evidence of a scam. A separate broker-intelligence dataset returned no match, which is a contextual reputational signal only and not a legal or licensing determination.

EVIDENCE

- The domain was registered on 1990-10-10, is 35.87 years old, is registered through Gandi SAS, and has an expiry date of 2027-10-09.
- The site's transport sensor identifies AS54113, FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US.
- The TLS certificate is issued by YR1 at DV validation level and is valid to 2026-09-20T09:53:36+00:00.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an organization considering engagement should independently confirm the Electronic Frontier Foundation identity through an established external registry or an offline contact route, then review the applicable donation, membership, merchandise, refund, and payment-protection terms. Any administrative or account action should be initiated from a known-good bookmark or independently confirmed domain rather than from an unsolicited message.

EVIDENCE

- The site's About and Contact pages provide the primary identity and contact presentation for independent comparison.
- The donation, membership, shop, and membership-FAQ areas identify the relevant transaction and support terms to review before payment.

Summary Verdict

The site has a high-trust, low-risk posture, and the evidence is strongly consistent with an established, apparently legitimate public-interest organization. Identity verification remains qualified rather than proven, so the positive trust conclusion should not be treated as independent confirmation of the real-world operator.

Infrastructure Integrity

Technical observations identify AS32354, UNWIRED - Unwired, US, with four likely origin IPs and no detected CDN or WAF in the infrastructure-resolution view. This is a comparatively direct hosting posture rather than evidence of maliciousness; the separate transport observation of Fastly infrastructure provides an additional mainstream delivery signal, but infrastructure alone does not establish organizational legitimacy.

Correction: the hosting record for this site names FASTLY, a content delivery network that TrustSniffer now recognises. The statement above that no CDN edge was detected was written before that recognition and does not reflect it. A new analysis restates it from the corrected infrastructure check.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the assessed posture; credential, membership, donation, or merchandise interactions should follow the ordinary independent identity, terms, and payment-protection checks described above.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

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 eff.org.

- The request stayed on eff.org. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Gandi SAS. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by eff.org, across 3 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-10-09. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1996-10-20. CLEAR
- It is hosted on FASTLY, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Gandi SAS
Hosting	FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2a04:4e42:6b::201
Name servers	ns1.eff.org, ns2.eff.org, ns4.eff.org
SSL issuer	YR1
SSL expiry	2026-09-20
Domain age	35.87 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-10-09
Archive first seen	1996-10-20
Archive snapshots	5000
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 eff.org 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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