

Is hypemagazine.co.za legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 94/100

hypemagazine.co.za

Verdict

94

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

hypemagazine.co.za appears legitimate.

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

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-01 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

HYPE Magazine is an entertainment and culture publication focused on hip hop, music releases, South African artists, interviews, lifestyle, events, and branded editorial partnerships. It offers newsletters, digital issues, classic magazines, mixtapes, and subscription or engagement features.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- 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	22 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR2	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

HYPE Magazine is a South African entertainment and culture publication presenting hip-hop news, music releases, artist interviews, lifestyle coverage, events, digital issues, classic magazines, mixtapes, newsletters, and branded editorial partnerships.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions, phishing indicators, blacklist findings, or brand-impersonation signals were observed. The homepage presents an ordinary editorial publishing model, with newsletter and age-verification forms but no sensitive login or payment form; its content, structure, and commercial activities are consistent with a legitimate established magazine.

- The homepage identifies HYPE Magazine and publishes current music, artist, interview, lifestyle, and culture articles.
- The homepage provides newsletter and age-verification forms without sensitive credential collection or untrusted destinations.
- Independent reputation checks found zero malicious or suspicious detections and no phishing indication.
- The domain is within the global top-million traffic set.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site operates as an editorial and entertainment publication rather than a represented financial service. The available content does not state a licensing claim or registration number; this is a limited disclosure point for any regulated activity, not evidence of deception. A separate broker-reputation comparison produced no match. The long-established registration, known registrar, valid TLS, stable hosting, and clean reputation materially support the site's identity and legitimacy.

- Domain registered 2004-03-17; age 22.39 years.
- Registrar: xneelo (Pty) Ltd.
- TLS certificate: issuer YR2, validation level DV, valid to 2026-09-20T08:02:30+00:00.
- The homepage's stated model comprises editorial publishing, advertising, sponsorships, newsletters, competitions, events, subscriptions, and digital magazine content.

What to Verify Next

For any paid subscription, competition, sponsorship, or event participation, confirm the applicable terms and operator details on the relevant page before completing the transaction. Licensing confirmation is only relevant if a specific offering presents itself as regulated financial activity; any such claim should be checked against the applicable official registry.

- The homepage links to digital ezines, classic magazines, mixtapes, features, and advertising activity.
- The homepage displays ordinary publication and engagement functions rather than financial-service workflows.
- The site provides a stable HTTPS publication experience with no observed sensitive-form or wallet-connection behavior.

Summary Verdict

HYPE Magazine presents as a legitimate, established, and trustworthy editorial website with no observed contradiction or impersonation signal. Normal interaction, including account-related or standard site use where offered, is appropriate.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves directly to a single likely origin address, with no CDN or WAF edge identified. This direct-hosting posture provides less intermediary shielding than an edge-delivered service but does not undermine the positive trust assessment.

Closing Assessment

Standard browsing and interaction are appropriate; higher-value commercial participation should follow the site's published terms and ordinary business verification practices.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-01 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	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 hypemagazine.co.za.

- The request stayed on hypemagazine.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under xneelo (Pty) Ltd. CLEAR

- DNS for this domain is served by host-h.net, across 4 name servers. **NOTED**
- The registration is paid up to 2027-03-17. **NOTED**
- It is hosted on Xneelo (Pty) Ltd, from a server in ZA. **NOTED**

Domain intelligence

Registrar	xneelo (Pty) Ltd
Hosting	Xneelo (Pty) Ltd - Xneelo (Pty) Ltd, ZA
Country	ZA
Server IP	160.115.0.2
Name servers	ns2.host-h.net, ns1.dns-h.com, ns1.host-h.net, ns2.dns-h.com
SSL issuer	YR2
SSL expiry	2026-09-20
Domain age	22.4 years
Domain expiry	2027-03-17
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 hypemagazine.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.

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