

Is locinews.com a scam? TrustSniffer's high-risk assessment: 0/100

locinews.com

Verdict

0

OUT OF 100

CRITICAL RISK

locinews.com 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

Governance Risk

Assessed 2026-08-22 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

A domain-for-sale listing for locinews.com hosted as a marketplace listing. Shows price, lease-to-own option, offer form requesting name/email/phone, and states users will be redirected to spaceship.com to complete payment and negotiation.

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	14 flagged it VirusTotal	RISK
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	1% confidence AbuseIPDB, 9 reports; shared hosting inflates reports	CLEAR
Domain age	6 months old Most scam domains are under a year old	RISK
Web archive	Archived since 2010 Public history exists	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR2	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://locinews.com/>



What locinews.com served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-22. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Sensitive Interaction Risk.
- Domain age: less than 1 year (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2010.
- At least one reputation service TrustSniffer consulted had flagged this domain at assessment time.

Full analysis

Security Alert

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

The website is a domain-marketplace listing for locinews.com, presenting the name as suitable for local news, community journalism, and location-focused media. It offers a fixed purchase price, a lease-to-own option, and an offer-submission workflow rather than operating as an active news or financial service.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

Confirmed external threat detections and blacklist coverage create a **material risk for sensitive interaction**, despite the page itself resembling a conventional domain-sale marketplace. The available evidence does not identify brand impersonation, phishing content on the captured page, or conflicting legal-entity names; however, the domain is blacklisted by the evaluated sources, with malicious classifications from multiple security vendors. Reports associated with the hosting IP are attributed to shared infrastructure, so they should not independently be treated as proof that the page operator caused those reports; they nevertheless add adverse context to the confirmed domain-level detections. No suspicious contact-email anomaly was identified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is listed as malicious by 14 of the evaluated security detections, with one additional suspicious classification; Kaspersky and Sophos are among the named detecting vendors.
- The homepage is covered by a confirmed blacklist condition from two external sources, while the general safe-browsing result is recorded as non-malicious.
- The hosting-IP record for 52.40.42.113 carries 9 abuse reports; the reports are explicitly attributed to shared Amazon infrastructure rather than uniquely to the website.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The captured page presents a commercial domain-sale transaction and identifies Spaceship as the marketplace handling the listing, but the supplied content does not independently verify the real-world operator of locinews.com. No regulated-service license is claimed, and the available disclosure state is unclear; this is a verification gap rather than, by itself, proof of fraud. The historical record indicates substantial continuity, but it conflicts with the current registration record, leaving provenance and ownership unverified. A separate broker-reputation dataset returned no match, which provides limited neutral context and does not overcome the confirmed security detections.

EVIDENCE

- Historical records show 86 snapshots from 2010-05-14 through 2026-06-08, spanning 17 tracked years; the archive-reconciled domain age is 16.27104722792608 years.
- The current registration record lists Spaceship, Inc. as registrar, creation date 2026-03-04T19:43:25Z, expiration date 2027-03-04T19:43:25Z, and age 0.47 years.
- The site's transport encryption uses a valid DV certificate issued by YR2, valid through 2026-10-06T22:47:31+00:00.
- Hosting resolves to AS16509, AMAZON-02 – Amazon.com, Inc., US.

What to Verify Next

The transaction path should be independently validated by opening the named marketplace through a separately established route rather than relying solely on the captured page. Before any offer submission, confirm that the listing, seller identity, transfer terms, refund or buyer-protection conditions, and payment recipient are recorded within the independently reached marketplace account. The offer form requests personal contact information, so submission should wait until those checks are complete; any claimed marketplace support channel should likewise be confirmed through an independent route.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage's offer workflow requests first name, last name, email address, and telephone number before submission.
- The homepage states that payment and negotiation continue on spaceship.com and displays claims concerning buyer protection, secure payments, and domain transfer.
- The captured page contains no login form, wallet-connection function, or password-external form, limiting the observed interaction surface to a purchase-offer process.

Summary Verdict

The website presents a critical sensitive-interaction risk. Its marketplace appearance and technically valid delivery do not counterbalance the confirmed blacklist status, malicious detections, and unresolved operator identity. Passive viewing is materially different from treating the site as a trusted transaction endpoint.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is protected by an AWS CDN/WAF and was observed through Amazon edge infrastructure, which reduces direct origin exposure and is a mitigating technical control only. Edge-only visibility also limits independent assessment of the underlying origin and does not establish operator legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Prospective users should restrict activity to passive review until the listing and transaction counterparties are independently confirmed, and should not submit personal information or payment details while the adverse security findings remain unresolved.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-22 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, external reputation.

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
- The page rewrote itself after it was interacted with, so what a visitor first sees is not what they end up on.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_DOM_DIFF_AFTER_INTERACTION
- 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 page replaced a large part of its own content after loading.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_DOM_CHANGE_HIGH
- The structure of the page changed sharply while it was loading.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_DOM_DENSITY_SPIKE
- 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

Signals weighed against the site

- AbuseIPDB: 9 reports on hosting IP 52.40.42.113 (Amazon Technologies Inc., Content Delivery Network), 1% confidence. The reports are attributed to shared infrastructure, not specifically to this website.

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 locinews.com.

- The request stayed on locinews.com. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Spaceship, Inc.. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by spaceship.net, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-03-04. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2010-05-14. CLEAR
- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Spaceship, Inc.
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	52.40.42.113
Name servers	LAUNCH1.SPACESHIP.NET, LAUNCH2.SPACESHIP.NET
SSL issuer	YR2
SSL expiry	2026-10-06
Domain age	0.47 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-03-04
Archive first seen	2010-05-14
Archive snapshots	Not counted (archive lookup incomplete)
Reputation	VirusTotal: 14 flagged AbuseIPDB: 1% confidence, 9 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about locinews.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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