

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

pkspublishing.com

Verdict

0

OUT OF 100

CRITICAL RISK

pkspublishing.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

Minimal coming-soon landing page for 'PKS Publishing' built on WordPress/Genesis. Contains no forms, commerce flows, or social links.

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	13 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	8.9 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2018 Public history exists	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR2	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://pkspublishing.com/>

PKS Publishing

NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON!

What pkspublishing.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: 3 to 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2018.
- At least one reputation service TrustSniffer consulted had flagged this domain at assessment time.

Full analysis

Security Alert

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

This website is a minimal “PKS Publishing” landing page announcing that a new website is coming soon. It appears intended to serve as a placeholder for a publishing entity, using WordPress, the Genesis Framework, and Author Pro, with no visible commerce, account, or financial functionality.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

The site's limited homepage content does not itself show a brand impersonation, phishing form, credential collection mechanism, or financial workflow. However, this benign presentation is materially outweighed by confirmed external threat detections and blacklist status: the domain is blacklisted by multiple external sources, and security vendors have classified it as malicious or suspicious. The available evidence therefore supports a **critical sensitive-interaction risk** even though no conflicting legal identities or confirmed brand impersonation are established on the page.

EVIDENCE

- External reputation telemetry recorded 13 malicious detections and 1 suspicious detection from 19 effective evaluations; Fortinet, Kaspersky, and Sophos were among the flagged security vendors.
- The domain is recorded as blacklisted by two external sources, with the associated protective control activated because the malicious-detection count reached the applicable threshold.
- Domain registration records show registration on 2017-09-28 and an age of 8.9 years through GoDaddy.com, LLC.
- Historical records contain 73 archive snapshots from 2018-08-06 through 2025-07-13, covering 8 tracked years.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The homepage identifies the apparent business as “PKS Publishing,” but the available site content does not provide an independently verifiable legal-entity identity, licensing claim, registration number, or regulatory authority. This is a disclosure gap requiring independent verification rather than standalone proof of fraud. The domain uses a valid domain-validated TLS certificate and is registered through GoDaddy, which are technical or administrative indicators only and do not establish the operator’s identity or regulatory standing.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage displays “PKS Publishing” and “New Website Coming Soon!” but provides no licensing or registration disclosure.
- Domain registration is through GoDaddy.com, LLC; the recorded registrant organization is Domains By Proxy, LLC.
- The site’s TLS certificate is issued by YR2, uses DV validation, and is valid until 2026-11-19.
- The site resolves through AS31898, identified as ORACLE-BMC-31898 — Oracle Corporation, US.

What to Verify Next

Before any non-public interaction, independently establish the legal entity operating under the PKS Publishing name and confirm any business or publishing registration applicable to its jurisdiction. Contact details should be validated through an independent, offline source rather than relying solely on information later presented by the site. Until those checks are complete, credentials, account creation, downloads, and financial activity should not be initiated.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides a placeholder notice rather than independently verifiable organizational or regulatory documentation.
- The independent identity-verification status remains unverified.
- No login form, sensitive form, commerce flow, or wallet connection was detected on the captured homepage.

Summary Verdict

The website has a critical trust posture and should not be treated as suitable for sensitive interaction. Its simple informational appearance does not reconcile the confirmed external threat and blacklist findings, and the real-world operator remains unverified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is hosted on Oracle infrastructure under AS31898 with one resolved hosting address and no detected CDN or WAF layer. This provides a straightforward hosting path but no meaningful edge-layer mitigation; infrastructure characteristics cannot offset the external reputation risk.

Closing Assessment

Restrict activity to passive observation while independent identity, regulatory, and contact-channel checks remain outstanding, and do not submit credentials or conduct financial activity.

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

- Registration details are held behind a privacy service, so no operator is named publicly. This is common and legal, and it also means there is nobody to check.

Registration and ownership rule:KF_WHOIS_PRIVATE
- The registration record withholds contact details for the operator.

Registration and ownership rule:KF_WHOIS_HIDDEN

02 Sensitive Interaction Risk

- The analysis matched a pattern TrustSniffer treats as a direct threat to a visitor.

Analysis engine signal:direct_threat
- A large share of what the page loaded came from other domains.

Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_EXTERNAL_RATIO_MODERATE
- 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

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	25%

- 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 pkspublishing.com.

- The request stayed on pkspublishing.com. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under GoDaddy.com, LLC. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by websitewelcome.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2026-09-28. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2018-08-06. CLEAR
- It is hosted on ORACLE-BMC-31898, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	GoDaddy.com, LLC
Hosting	ORACLE-BMC-31898 - Oracle Corporation, US
Country	US
Server IP	192.185.25.103
Name servers	NS227.WEBSITEWELCOME.COM, NS228.WEBSITEWELCOME.COM
SSL issuer	YR2
SSL expiry	2026-11-19
Domain age	8.90 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2026-09-28
Archive first seen	2018-08-06
Archive snapshots	Not counted (archive lookup incomplete)
Reputation	VirusTotal: 13 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

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