

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

thefuse.co.za

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

thefuse.co.za 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 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 70%.

What this site appears to be

Editorial/news aggregator page (THE FUSE) listing headlines and links across politics, sports, celebrity, tech and world news. Includes cookie consent UI and links to external publishers; appears to aggregate content rather than request credentials or payments.

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	5.6 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2022 58 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M01	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: 3 to 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2022.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The Fuse is an editorial news and media aggregator that presents headlines and links across politics, sports, celebrity, technology, business, lifestyle, and world news, with an apparent advertising- and referral-supported publishing model rather than a service that solicits credentials or payments.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a consistent editorial identity under “THE FUSE,” links to established external publishers, and contains no login form, payment request, wallet interaction, or other sensitive submission mechanism. External reputation checks found no malicious or suspicious detections, and the site has an established traffic footprint. The available evidence therefore supports an apparently legitimate, low-risk publishing site, while not independently proving the real-world operator’s identity.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage displays news categories and syndicated headlines from sources including The Citizen, GroundUp, BBC, SABC News, and Daily Maverick; no brand-impersonation indicators were identified.
- The homepage contains one cookie-consent form and no sensitive form, login form, hidden form, wallet connection, or external password submission.
- The domain was registered in 2021-01-15 and is approximately 5.58 years old.
- The site has 58 archive snapshots spanning 2022-02-25 to 2026-07-16, covering 5 years of observed continuity.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site’s apparent business is editorial publishing and advertising, not a regulated financial service. The public content supplied does not establish a separately verified legal operator or present a regulatory licence or registration number; this is a disclosure point for independent confirmation rather than evidence of deception. Registration data identifies DIAMATRIX C.C. as registrar and Njuice AB (SQUID App) as the registrant organization, but those records do not independently verify that the named organization operates the publication. No adverse broker-reputation match was identified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is classified as a news/media aggregator with advertising, analytics, and referral-traffic features rather than a financial-services interface.
- The registration record lists registrar DIAMATRIX C.C. and organization Njuice AB (SQUID App).
- The site's transport encryption uses a DV certificate issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M01, valid through 2027-01-15.

What to Verify Next

Before any future credential or payment interaction associated with the site, an organization should independently confirm the publisher's legal identity, privacy and cookie practices, and the identity of any external merchant or service reached through a referral link. Any account-related or commercial prompt should be checked through independently sourced contact channels, with payment-protection and cancellation terms confirmed before funds or sensitive information are provided.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage directs visitors toward external publishers and partners, making destination-specific verification important.
- The site's apparent revenue model relies on advertising and referral traffic rather than direct payment collection on the observed page.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website with a high-trust, low-risk posture and no observed scam or impersonation contradictions. The assessment supports normal browsing and ordinary use of the publication, but the real-world operator identity remains independently unverified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The hosting arrangement provides a mitigating layer through AWS CDN/WAF protection and presents no observed origin exposure in the supplied infrastructure assessment; this supports resilience and reduces direct infrastructure exposure but is not, by itself, proof of legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Served from AS16509, Amazon.com, Inc. / AMAZON-02, with the infrastructure assessment identifying AWS CDN/WAF protection.
- Two observed edge IP addresses were recorded, with 0 likely origin-server IPs identified.
- TLS validation is DV; the certificate issuer is Amazon RSA 2048 M01 and its validity end time is 2027-01-15T23:59:59+00:00.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary editorial browsing is proportionate to the observed posture; any later credential or payment interaction should remain subject to independent identity, policy, and payment-protection checks before proceeding.

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	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 thefuse.co.za.

- The request stayed on thefuse.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under DIAMATRIX C.C.. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by co.uk, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-01-15. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2022-02-25. CLEAR
- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	DIAMATRIX C.C.
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	52.51.141.156
Name servers	ns-1724.awsdns-23.co.uk, ns-539.awsdns-03.net, ns-324.awsdns-40.com, ns-1416.awsdns-49.org
SSL issuer	Amazon RSA 2048 M01
SSL expiry	2027-01-15
Domain age	5.58 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-01-15
Archive first seen	2022-02-25
Archive snapshots	58
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 thefuse.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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