

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

thepost.co.za

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

thepost.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 2026-08-02 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

The Post is a Durban and KwaZulu-Natal local news publication within the IOL network, covering news, crime, courts, politics, community affairs, sport, opinion, lifestyle, and recipes for South Africa's Indian diaspora.

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	26 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2002 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by WE1	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 2002.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The Post is a Durban and KwaZulu-Natal local news publication within the IOL network, presenting reporting on news, crime, courts, politics, community affairs, sport, opinion, lifestyle, and recipes for South Africa's Indian diaspora. Its apparent business model is advertising-supported community journalism and audience engagement.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed between the site's stated editorial identity, its content, and the available reputation signals. The homepage contains substantial, regularly published news, opinion, sport, lifestyle, and recipe material, with no phishing indicators, credential-harvesting forms, deceptive financial offers, or brand-impersonation signals. The established domain history and clean external reputation further support continuity and legitimacy.

- Homepage identifies "The Post | Durban & KZN Local News, Sport & Opinion" and presents named articles with publication times and bylines.
- The site has 5,000 archive snapshots spanning 2002–2025, covering 24 tracked years.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious or suspicious detections and no blacklist or phishing finding.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents itself as a news and community-media publication rather than a regulated financial service, so no financial licence claim is expected from the observed business model. Its identity is consistent with the IOL affiliation reflected in the registration record, and no conflicting legal identities or third-party broker warning were identified. Minor metadata omissions do not undermine the site's established identity.

- Domain registration lists Gandi as registrar and IOL as the organization.
- The domain was registered on 2000-04-26 and expires on 2027-04-26.
- TLS is valid through 2026-10-03, issued by WE1 with DV validation.

What to Verify Next

For institutional engagement, confirm the current IOL relationship and editorial contact details through an independently sourced corporate channel, and review the publication's own legal, advertising, and editorial policies before formal reliance on its content.

- Homepage content identifies the publication's editorial scope and IOL network affiliation.
- Articles display named authors, timestamps, and distinct editorial categories.

Summary Verdict

The Post presents as a legitimate, established, and trustworthy local news publisher with a coherent identity, mature operating history, and no observed scam or impersonation contradictions. Normal browsing and standard interaction are appropriate.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is protected by Cloudflare CDN/WAF infrastructure, with observed traffic served through CDN edge addresses rather than a directly exposed origin. This reduces direct origin exposure and is a mitigating infrastructure signal, while remaining separate from proof of editorial legitimacy.

- Hosted on AS13335, operated by CLOUDFLARENET — Cloudflare, Inc., US.
- Observed edge IPs include 104.21.84.234, 172.67.198.223, 2606:4700:3033::ac43:c6df, and 2606:4700:3035::6815:54ea.

Closing Assessment

Normal site use, including account login where offered and standard account actions, is appropriate; formal institutional reliance should follow ordinary independent confirmation of current organizational and contact details.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-02 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 thepost.co.za.

- The request stayed on thepost.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Gandi. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-04-26. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2002-08-13. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Gandi
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2606:4700:3033::ac43:c6df
Name servers	pete.ns.cloudflare.com, coco.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-10-03
Domain age	26.3 years
Domain expiry	2027-04-26
Archive first seen	2002-08-13
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 thepost.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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