

# RiskSignal

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## Website Risk Exposure Audit

Demonstration Copy - Redacted

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Client: [Redacted Shopify Brand]

URL Reviewed: [Redacted]

Date: February 17, 2026

Scope: Single-page (URL) snapshot

External Observable Review

# Executive Summary

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## 1. Overview

This assessment evaluates publicly observable signals related to accessibility and surface-level security configuration for the reviewed homepage.

The objective is to identify visible exposure patterns and provide a prioritized remediation path for internal decision-making.

## 2. Overall Risk Posture - Moderate

The site demonstrates baseline HTTPS enforcement and active Content Security Policy configuration. Several configuration gaps remain that exceed baseline browser hardening expectations.

This classification reflects current exposure across:

- Accessibility indicators
- Security header configuration
- TLS hygiene
- Cookie security flag behavior
- Public exposure patterns

This risk classification is based on the **RiskSignal Severity Framework**. (p.3)

## 3. Primary Exposure Areas

- Cookie security flag hardening inconsistencies
- Missing Referrer-Policy header
- Accessibility violations (3 detected)

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## 4. Recommended Remediation Order

### Fix Now

- Harden cookie security flags
- Implement Referrer-Policy header

### Fix Next

- Accessibility remediation
- Define Cache-Control policy

### Monitor

- TLS certificate lifecycle management

## 5. Recommended Next Step

Address “Fix Now” items first. These provide the greatest reduction in exposure with minimal implementation effort.

Your development team can reference the Developer Appendix for technical guidance.

### Scope Reminder:

This assessment reflects publicly observable signals only. It does not include backend access, penetration testing, or legal certification.

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## RiskSignal Severity Framework (Finding-Level)

Severity reflects exposure priority based on technical impact and likelihood under typical operating conditions.

- **High** - Credible observable exposure pattern with material downside; prioritize remediation.
- **Medium** - Meaningful weakness with plausible operational, security, or compliance impact.
- **Moderate** - Valid observable exposure signal with limited immediate impact; address in structured update cycle.
- **Minor** - Best-practice or hygiene improvement with low direct operational impact.

# Key Findings

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## 1. Cookie Security Flag Gaps

### Observed

Cookies detected: 12

Secure flag missing: 8

HttpOnly flag missing: 8

SameSite attribute missing: 4

### Business Impact

Incomplete cookie hardening increases potential session exposure risk in browser-based attack scenarios.

### Recommended Action:

- Enforce Secure flag for HTTPS-only transmission
- Apply HttpOnly for session-related cookies
- Configure SameSite=Lax or Strict unless stricter behavior is validated

## 2. Missing Referrer-Policy Header

### Observed

Referrer-Policy header not present.

### Business Impact

Full URL paths may be exposed with external domains during cross-site navigation, exceeding baseline privacy hygiene standards.

# Key Findings

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## Recommended Action:

- Implement `strict-origin-when-cross-origin` at CDN or server layer
- Verify header presence after deployment

## 3. Accessibility Violations (3)

### Observed

- 3 automated accessibility violations detected
- No H1 element identified
- One color contrast issue present

### Business Impact

Accessibility indicators may increase compliance exposure and reduce procurement confidence in regulated markets.

### Recommended Action:

- Establish a proper H1 hierarchy
- Resolve contrast failures
- Validate semantic landmark structure

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## Technical Findings & Implementation Guidance

Client: [Redacted Shopify Brand]

URL: [Domain]

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### Finding #1 - Cookie Security Flags

Category: Cookie / Exposure

Severity: Moderate

Observed Evidence:

- Secure flag missing on 8 cookies
- HttpOnly missing on 8 cookies
- SameSite missing on 4 cookies

Risk Context:

Improper cookie flags may allow session identifiers to be exposed through browser behavior or third-party contexts.

Recommended Action:

- Enforce Secure on HTTPS cookies
- Apply HttpOnly to session tokens
- Set SameSite=Lax or Strict where compatible

Implementation Notes:

- Shopify: configure via theme settings or edge/CDN rules
- Cloudflare/Nginx: apply header adjustments at edge
- Re-scan after deployment

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## Finding #2 - Referrer-Policy Header

Category: Security Header

Severity: Moderate

Observed Evidence:

- Header not detected

Risk Context:

Referrer data may expose full URL paths during cross-site navigation.

Recommended Action:

- Add `strict-origin-when-cross-origin`

Implementation Notes:

- Add header at CDN/server layer
- Validate via re-scan

## Finding #3 - Accessibility Indicators

Category: Accessibility

Severity: Low-Moderate

Observed Evidence:

- Missing H1 structure
- Color contrast issue
- Automated rule flags

Risk Context:

May affect usability and contribute to compliance exposure.

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Recommended Action:

- Implement proper heading hierarchy
- Resolve contrast failures

Implementation Notes:

- Adjust theme markup
- Validate using automated accessibility tools

## Verification

After remediation, a **Verification Assessment** can be requested to confirm the following implementation changes based on the issues identified in this report:

- Cookie attributes (HttpOnly, Secure, SameSite) persist after deployment
- Referrer-Policy is implemented consistently across responses
- Previously flagged accessibility indicators show measurable reduction

If ongoing storefront updates are expected, **Monthly Operator Review Cycles** help maintain observable continuity without requiring repeated one-off verifications.

# Scope & Limitations

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This assessment reviews publicly observable accessibility indicators and surface-level security configuration signals.

## Included:

- Accessibility rule indicators (automated)
- TLS certificate status
- Security header presence
- Cookie security flags
- Public exposure checks
- Configuration hygiene indicators

## Excluded:

- Penetration testing or exploit attempts
- Backend or infrastructure access
- Code review or implementation work
- Legal advisory or compliance certification
- Guarantee of protection from regulatory action
- Continuous monitoring

**RiskSignal** reduces uncertainty by identifying visible exposure patterns.

It does not eliminate risk.

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