

**Associação de Proprietários da Quinta da Encosta Velha (APQEV)  
(Quinta da Encosta Velha Owners Association [OA])**

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12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Owners

I am sorry to report an attempted break in on the resort at around 4am this morning, picked up by security cameras on villa #19.

We have checked the nearby properties and no one had reported anything untoward, so at this stage it seems the burglar was unsuccessful last night.

Each year I write to owners to remind them (and their guests) to not leave windows and doors open and unattended at any time, as it acts as an open invitation to thieves. Windows and doors in the 'tilt' position have never (to my knowledge) been the point of entry for any break-in on QEV so for now we can consider this to be a safer option for those requiring a flow of air. For owners with sliding doors, please remember to make sure that the secondary lock bolts are always pushed in position when the door is closed.

The 'resort CCTV' has not acted as a deterrent in this instance nor has the private camera on the villa – but we can only assume that they do prevent more incidences so owners may wish to consider installing a security camera on their property. (Note by law you can only film your own property – not your neighbours or communal areas such as the road or pavement calcada).

Kind regards

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